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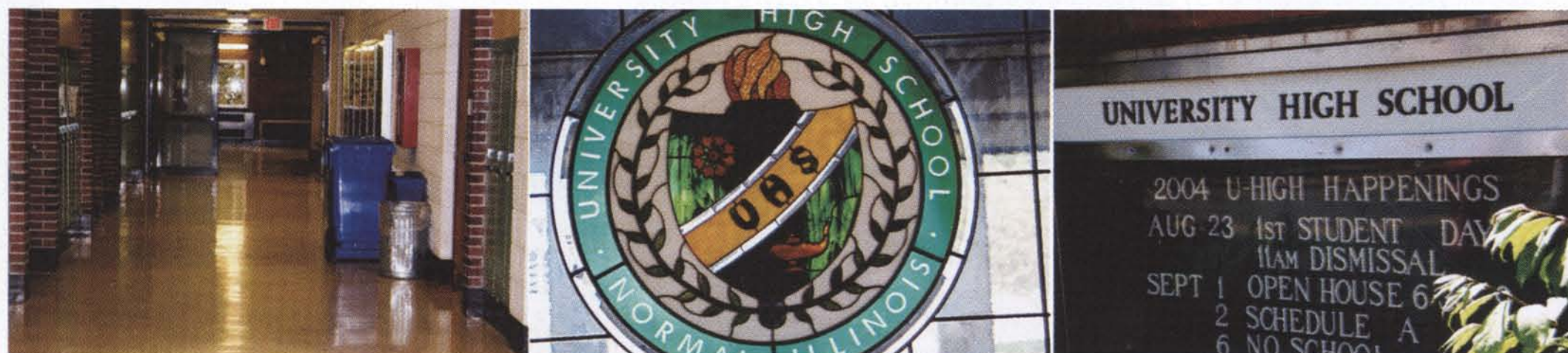
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The word, "every," by itself makes no sense at all; it needs other words to convey meaning.

In the same way, a yearbook staff by itself is not useful. The job of a yearbook staff is to capture the experience of every high school student.

I wanted those who read this book to see every aspect of U-High by capturing every action, every move, and every moment.

Until becoming editor, I worked with the yearbook for three years. I wrote stories and took pictures while making mental notes about what I would like to improve. The thing I felt needed the most improvement was the Clarion's reputation.

In the fall of 2004, our world was getting ready for some pretty big changes. With a presidential election and a new administration, the Clarion could not stay as it was.

I decided to create a new design, change the publication date to May, and took in the idea of chronological order. Basically, I changed everything.

There was another problem. Why didn't my fellow classmates seem to be content with their yearbooks? Everyone knew the reason. As student's excitedly flipped through their book, they realize that the yearbook editor's friends are the only ones mentioned and included. It was a scrapbook.

As a yearbook editor, my goal is not to produce a scrapbook. It is to produce a history book of your school year. Flip through this yearbook and see yourself. See your friends. See every memory. Changes like these only happen every now and then. [Story by Allie Jocson. Photographs by (left to right) Mallory McCoy, Sarah Charles, Allie Jocson and Allie Jocson]

Every

Now and Then



Every Moment

(Events that changed the world through the perspective of U-High students)



The last five years have witnessed an explosion in the ever-growing world of gadgets, and probably the biggest new toy that everyone wants is Apple's iPod, which is an mp3 player. Since the original iPod came out in 2001, it has steadily increased in popularity among teenagers and college students.

"You don't have to carry around loads of CD's, it's smaller than CD players, and it holds more songs than a CD does," sophomore Krisiti Stalter said. "I use it on long car rides or at swim meets."

Kristi's iPod mini, which holds up to 1,000 songs, cost her \$150. The regular iPod, which holds 5,000 songs, costs \$300, and the giant new 10,000 song iPod is a whopping \$400. The question is, does anyone even want 10,000 songs?

By: Drew Daudelin



Some unwanted friends visited the south this summer. Hurricane Alex, the first of five hurricanes, hit the coast of Florida on Aug. 4 packing winds that reached 90 mph. The next to hit the coast was Bonnie on Aug. 10. Charley followed on Aug. 13.

A month after Alex, Frances hit the coast with 100 mph winds. Ivan struck the United States on Sept. 16 and was categorized as the sixth most powerful hurricane in Atlantic history. The last and final hurricane, Jeanne, hit the coast on Sept. 25.

Junior Lisa English's family recently finished building a house in Florida. "Our house literally went through the eye of the storm," English said. Thankfully, there was no damage done to their newly finished house.

By: Chelcei Fisher

From U-High, to Stanford, to Athens, Ogonna Nnamani is Far From Normal

By: Marlee Cooper

Ogonna Nnamani is a legend at U-High. A senior at Stanford University, Nnamani played for her country in the 2004 Olympics. It was a very tough experience for Nnamani since it was one of the first times she has traveled internationally since 9/11. The insecurity and the different ideology of fear were growing strong inside her.

Nnamani knew that she was going to have an extremely hard game against China. It's hard to try to compare the level of competition of some of the best teams in the United States to China's.

They're harder, faster, and tougher, but you have to keep the same level of focus. There's a lot more pressure because you are playing for your country. "Winning and losing isn't everything, but it feels as if you lose, then your country loses," Nnamani said.

Also the training for the Olympics was brutal compared to college training. "I would practice eight hours a day, with extra time after practice either in the weight room or conditioning," Nnamani said, "As long as you are mentally there, your body will get you there."

Despite all the fears and worries, it was the biggest thrill of her life. As she was walking through the tunnel she heard everyone cheering "USA," she saw the

flashing lights, all the teams representing their countries, a sold out stadium, and she asked herself, "Is this real?"

Nnamani was able to look up in the stands and see her family, who traveled all the way to Greece to see her play.

"Looking up in the stands seeing my dad waving an American flag, my mom cheering, along with my two brothers and cousin, it brought tears to my eyes," Nnamani said.

Little does anyone know, Nnamani wanted to be a track athlete while growing up. She was always a sports junkie and wished to be in track and field in the Olympics. Though she didn't quite have the ability needed to be a famous track star, what she was lacking in track, she made up for in volleyball.

After helping her team win two state championships her junior and senior year here at U-High, the school was bound to leave an impact on her. "Mental toughness will get you over the hump," was what she was taught by her U-High basketball coach Mike Sonderoth.

"It was a quote that I have taken with me and used to help push through some of the harder times," Nnamani said.

Although the last episode of "Friends" aired in May of 2004, the group of pals will never be forgotten as long as spin-off television shows exist. Matt LeBlanc, who played Joey, has already expanded his résumé by creating a spin off of his character in "Friends" called "Joey".

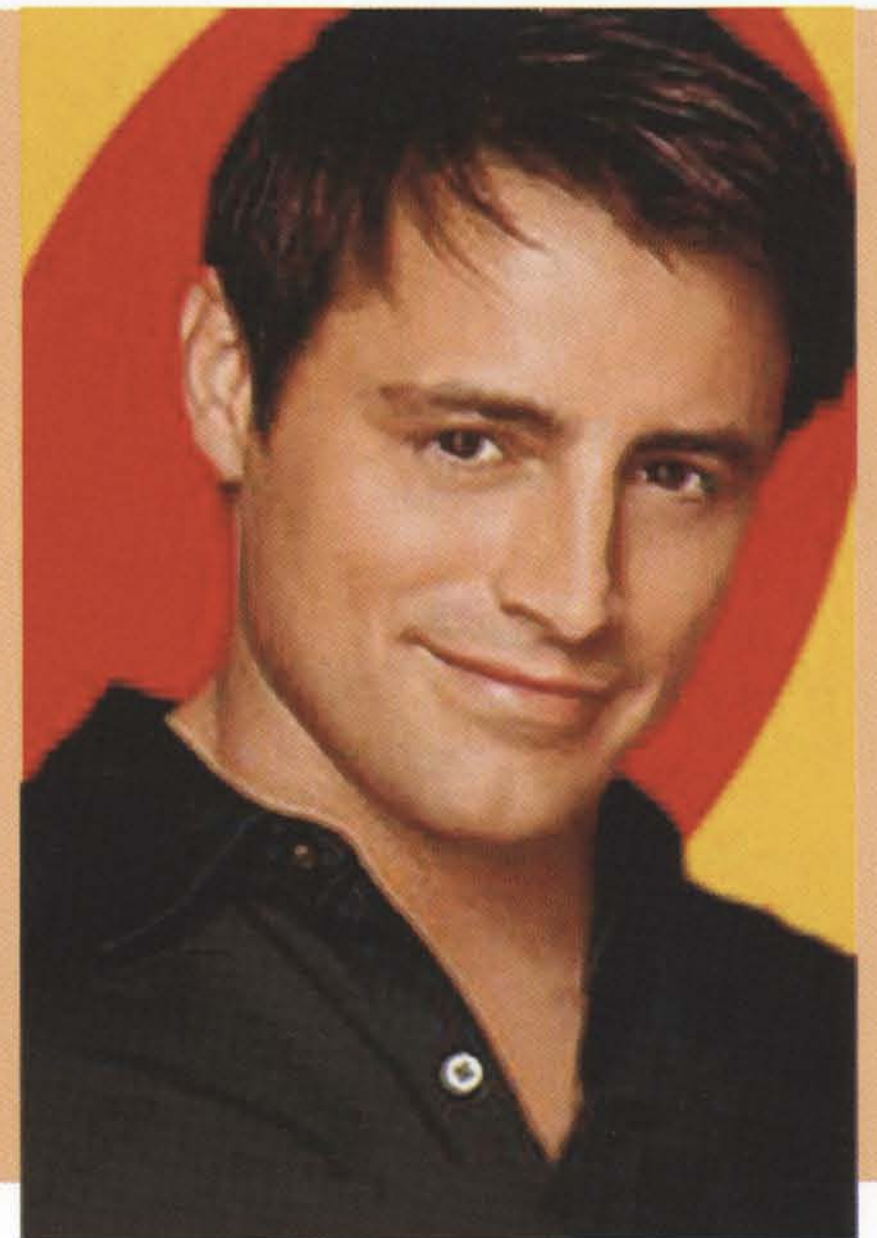
"Joey is funny, but it's not the same seeing him without his other friends," senior Emma Galt said.

The die hard "Friends" fans are slowly making the adjustment to watching other shows or just not watching television at all.

"I find myself going to friend's houses or going to the gym more on Thursday nights," Galt said.

Now that "Friends" is over, people wonder if there will ever be a show that will be here as long.

By: Katie Payne



From underdog to superstar, Barack Obama Broke Through

By Erica Rohren

Emerging from the crowd in 2004 was Barack Obama. The unknown politician came into the Illinois Senate race and swept the election. His opponent Alan Keyes and the rest of Illinois stood in awe as he dominated the state.

Obama was born to an economist from Kenya and an international development specialist from Kansas. He was raised in Indonesia and Hawaii before he moved to the inland United States to attend college at Columbia University and Harvard Law School.

Throughout his political career, Obama has been involved in or supported many different issues and causes. He helped organize one of the largest voter registration drives in Chicago to help Bill Clinton gain presidency.

Obama has also spent a lifetime fighting to empower working families and the lower classes. He is a community organizer, civil rights attorney and the new leader in the Illinois Senate.

He is working hard to create better schools, affordable health care, and criminal justice reform. Obama is chairman of the Public Health and Welfare Committee and also serves on the Judiciary and Revenue Committees. He has been called "one of the General Assembly's most impressive members" by the Chicago Tribune.

Obama brings plans and ideas to help create better

schools and affordable health care. He wants to change the community and help working families.

He wants to make sure every child becomes highly educated by the plan he calls No Child Left Behind. This program provides grants to give teachers the training they need for their specific field.

He believes health care is a right, not a privilege. He has proposed an affordable health plan that covers every child in America, allows those near retirement to buy Medicare and ensures coverage for those who are losing jobs.

Obama hopes to create quality jobs for American people and to do so he plans to reward companies for creating those quality jobs.

Many people at U-High supported Obama during the race because of the issues he presents and the way he connects with people of Illinois.

"Obama can relate to people and he is an inspirational speaker. He can really rally and motivate people and I think that's what we need right now. He is very empathetic towards everyone. He really feels for people," junior Chelsea Smith said.

His relationship with the people of Illinois and his firm beliefs has rewarded him greatly. His new position as an Illinois Senator is only the beginning of his developing political career.



World-renowned athlete Lance Armstrong was diagnosed with cancer in 1996, which prompted Armstrong to establish the Lance Armstrong Foundation and in the summer of 2004 he created the LiveStrong bracelets to benefit his foundation.

"I bought a bracelet because all the proceeds go to such a good cause," senior Meaghan Schiller said.

Over 20 million bracelets have been sold and families of cancer survivors have been greatly aided by the success of these bracelets.

"I wear my LiveStrong because my uncle has cancer," senior Jordan Busse said.

These bracelets, which are just a thick yellow rubber band, were never expected to become this popular. A fashion trend was born.

By: Abby Meisner



Boston Red Sox fans have had to endure 86 years without a World Series Championship. That's 86 disappointments, 86 missed opportunities, and 86 reasons to cheer for any other team. Finally, Boston had something to cheer about in 2004 when they walked away after a four game sweep over the St. Louis Cardinals.

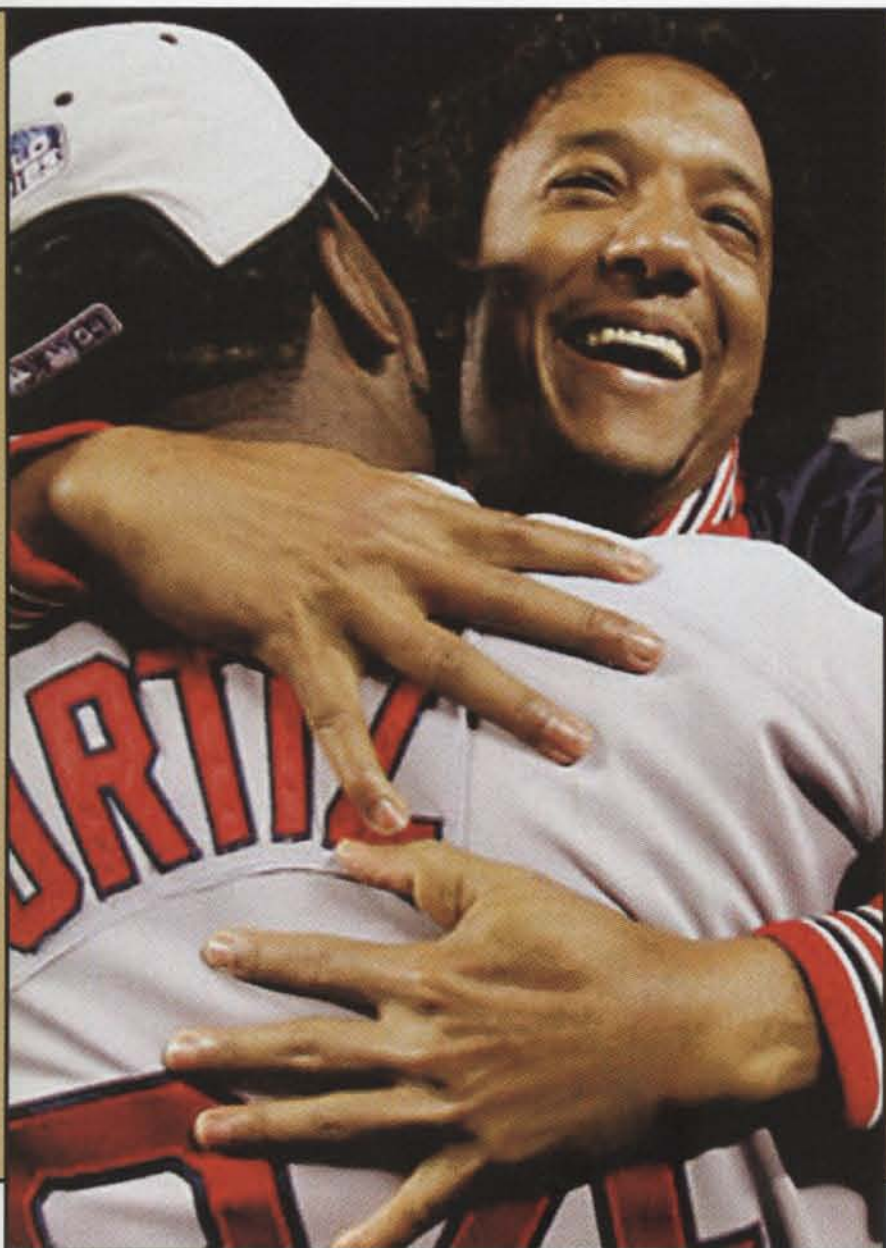
"I've been a Red Sox fan all my life, I stayed with the Red Sox and their 2004 World Series Championship finally made it worth all the years of agony and defeat," senior Matt Miller said.

Senior Andrew Bass, a Cardinals fan, said, "It was a good experience, even though the Cardinals lost and there was obnoxious Boston fans sitting right in front of me. It was tough to handle losing, but only one team can come out on top."

By: Kevin O'Malley

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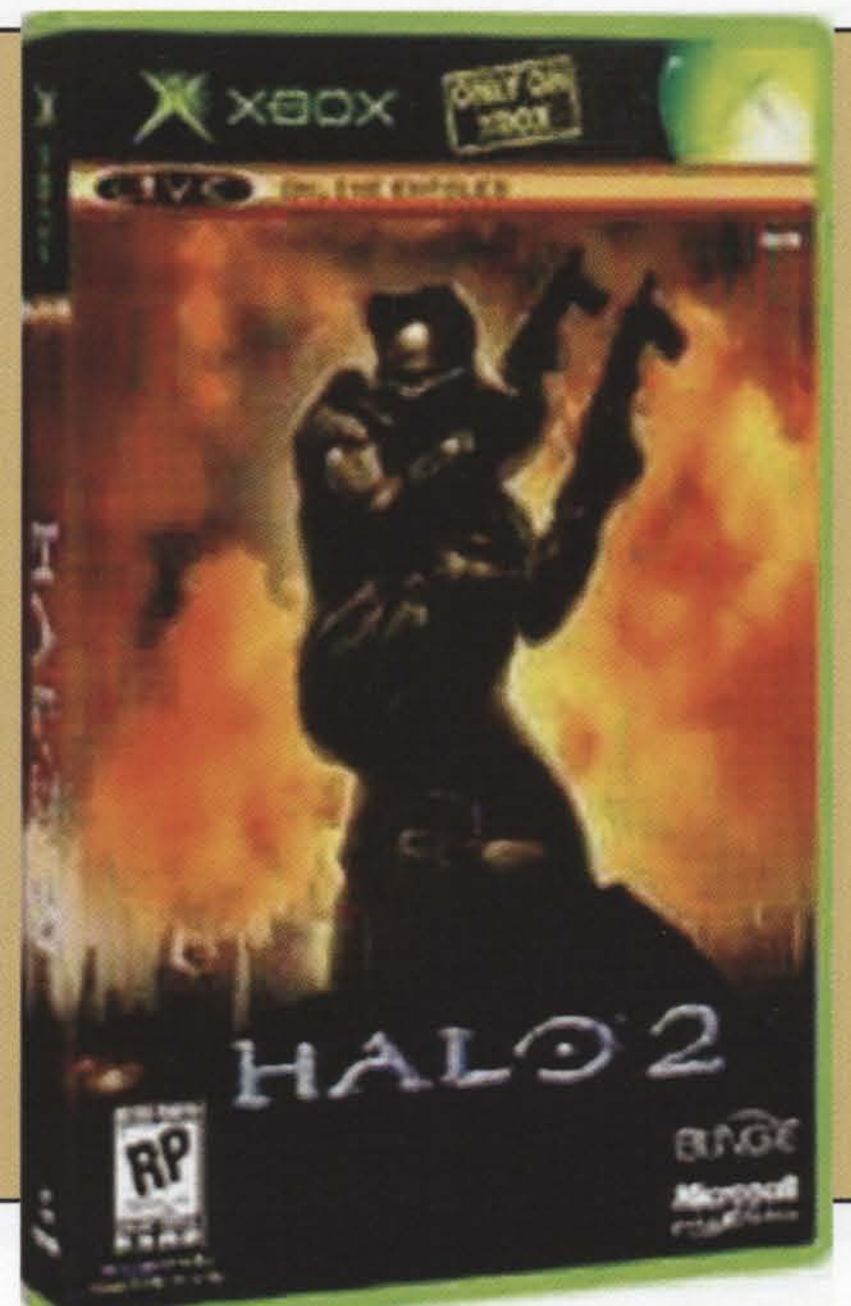
Halo 2 was the long awaited second installment of the most widely praised first-person shooter game ever created. The game was incredibly hyped up and its success and sales started before the game was even released on shelves.

There were 1.5 million copies of the game pre-ordered the week before its release. Many retail stores catered their store hours to the release date of the game.

Best Buy opened their doors at 12 A.M. to a long line of eager gamers.

"My favorite part of the game is the online multi-player. It's the best online first-person shooter to come out in 2004," said freshman Drew Molitor. The feature allows you to play with your friends online against people from all over the world.

By: Jimmy Collins



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The legend of late night, Johnny Carson, passed away January 23, 2005. Carson was the host of the late-night for 30 years, staying funny and original for 4,531 episodes.

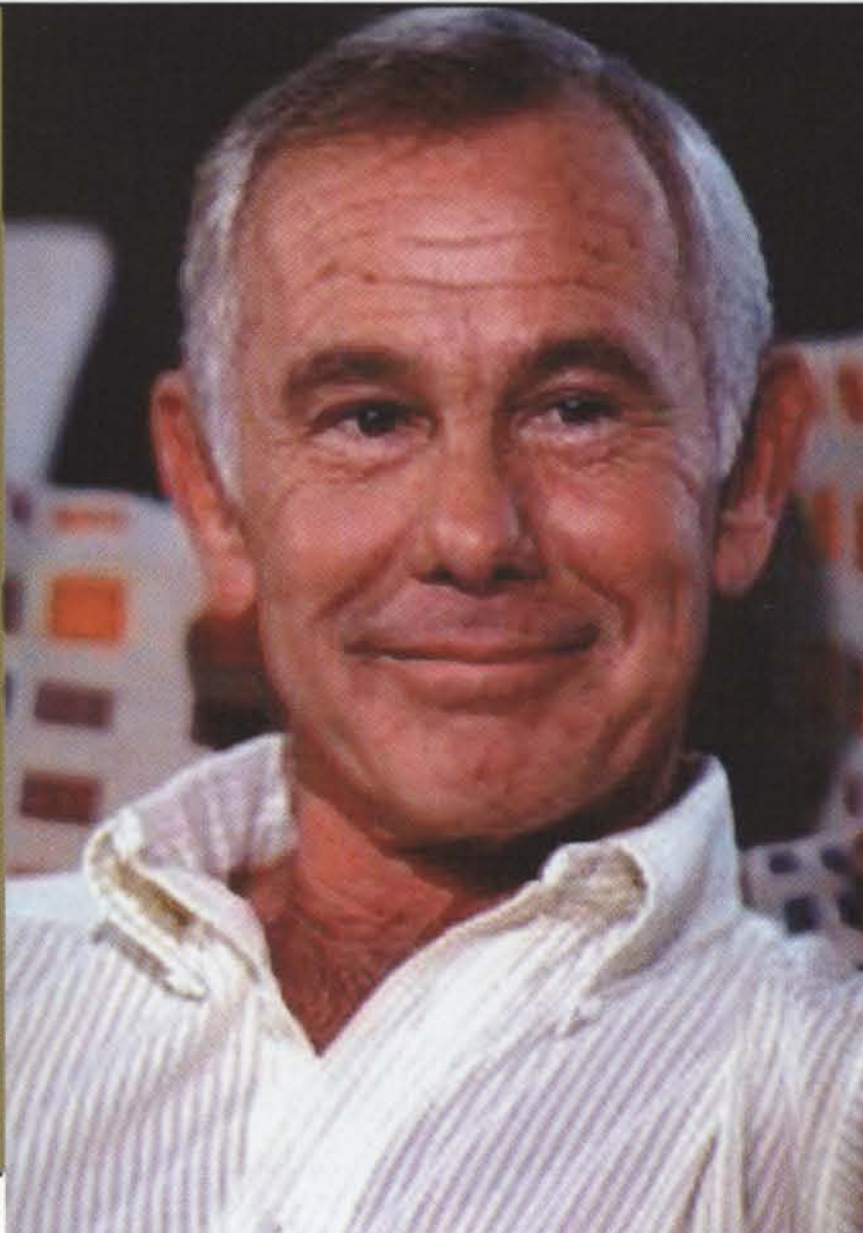
Though Carson retired in 1992, the impact he had on loyal viewers is still as prevalent as ever.

"Johnny Carson was an icon of my generation. He's the original of late night television," English teacher Kathleen Clesson said.

Though U-High students are more familiar with newer late night hosts, many can recall Carson memories from his later years and through video.

"Though I wasn't old enough to see most of Carson's shows, from the tapes I've watched he seems a lot classier than the hosts on now" senior Catherine Anhalt said.

By: Kevin O'Malley



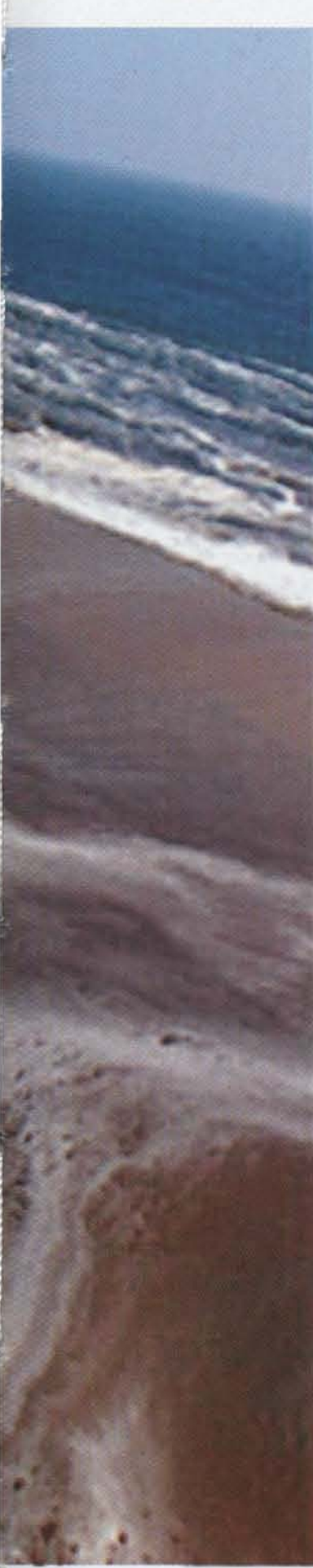
Blockbuster would have made an estimated \$250-300 million dollars in late fees in 2005, a number so high that many movie consumers have been looking elsewhere to do their movie renting and purchasing, but their new late fee return policy should change that.

"I always got charged late fees. Sometimes I would spend more in late fees than for movies. I really like the new policy," senior Jacqueline Edwards said.

Blockbuster movie chains across America ended their late fee policy. They are now enacting a policy that gives customers a longer grace period to return their rentals without any fees to pay.

"What is lost in late fees will hopefully be offset by other areas of new income," company spokesperson Ron Hargrove said.

By: Jimmy Collins



Because of Mr. Petty's eagerness to inform his students, they found that the devastating aftermath of the tsunami left everything

Washed Ashore

By Lauren Gletty

On December 26, 2004, one of the strongest underwater earthquakes caused one of the most serious tsunamis in about 40 years. It hit about ten countries and resulted in incredible damage to homes, hospitals, and human life.

Not a lot of people know about underwater earthquakes except for the fact that "this" plate hit "that" plate. It's doesn't seem very important to know until some realize that most people fear what they don't understand. This is why some of the students from Mr. Don Petty's environmental science class discussed and learned about tsunamis to better their understanding.

The students were first introduced to the different types of earthquakes and their effects. They also tried to concentrate on the news headlines and special commentaries involving the tsunami.

"I kept watching the number of deaths increase all the way up to 150,000 and it was just insane. I couldn't believe a single wave could do such damage," senior Catherine Anhalt said.

Before Mr. Petty explained what occurred to his students, most didn't know much about it. Many just thought tsunamis are huge tidal waves, but now they know the tide has nothing to do with it.


"Mr. Petty told us that it was started by the Indian Plate diving, or submerging, underneath the Burma Plate causing a huge wave to start," senior Lindsay Bertsche said. The wave, which is not affected by the wind, comes from beneath and gradually becomes larger.

"I learned tsunamis can reach up to 500 mph on the bottom of the ocean floor and if you were to be above it, floating on the ocean surface, you wouldn't even notice it," Bertsche said.

The students were shown many different powerpoints demonstrating the different ways a tsunami could form. They were also able to study exactly how certain parts of the world can become alert when a tsunami is about to hit.

"After learning what exactly happened I know how it happened scientifically and I can understand it better. I feel lucky to live where I do. I take things for granted. My whole life could be washed away to sea, like the people in Asia's were, but I don't realize that." Anhalt said.

After this lesson, students from Petty's class have learned how to survive a tsunami and have realized how a little crack in a plate boundary can alter so many lives around the world.

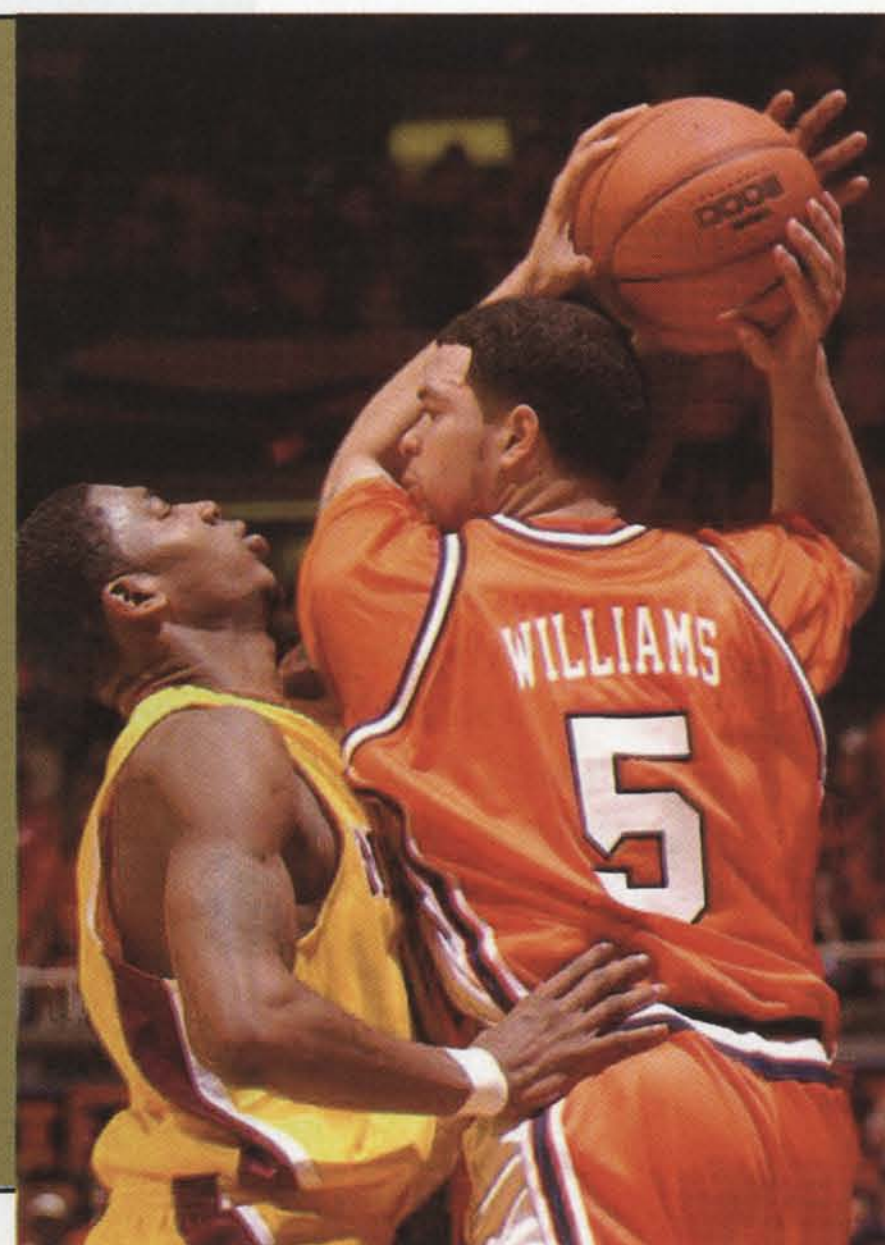


The University of Illinois' Basketball Team sat atop the chart, during their 2004-2005 season, as the number one team in the NCAA. Their winning streak was the longest winning streak in the nation. Fans pack the Assembly Hall to watch their beloved team win yet another game.

"That team is godly, I give their performance two thumbs up," senior Ben Reeser said.

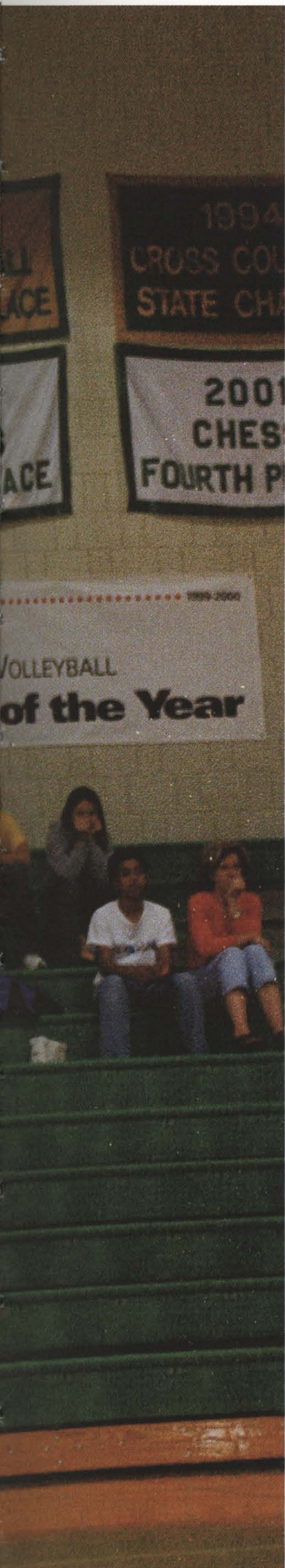
"They will definitely remain undefeated and then after they win the National Championship I think they should be entered into the NBA playoffs. They would probably win that too," junior Kevin Pohlmann said.

By: Jimmy Collins



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Every Autumn

Autumn should be about beautiful yellow and red falling leaves, tart apple cider, big bright orange pumpkins and slowly cooling breezes.

Then reality hits: freezing rain, cloudy days and dead brown leaves mucking up the streets. Instead of a gradual change, you woke up one day and the season changed overnight. The days are shorter, the weather is much colder, and you desperately miss those long summer days.

The abrupt entrance of autumn is much like life in high school.

Every one of us walked into school this year unprepared for the broad changes which lurked around the corner.

With a new administration, every U-High student had to adapt to new expectations. They now had to be on time to class because of the strict new tardy policy and had to be careful about what they wore because suddenly the dress code was being enforced.

Students found themselves shivering because the furnace was being repaired, they had to adapt to new counselors and scheduling processes, and for seniors, entire futures needed planning when early college acceptance, or rejection letters, appeared in the mailbox.

Although the changes came unexpectedly, it didn't stop the school year from beginning. Besides, everyone knows that autumn doesn't last forever. [Story by Catherine Anhalt. Photographs by (from left to right) Erica Rohren, Allie Jocson, Allie Jocson and Katie Payne.]



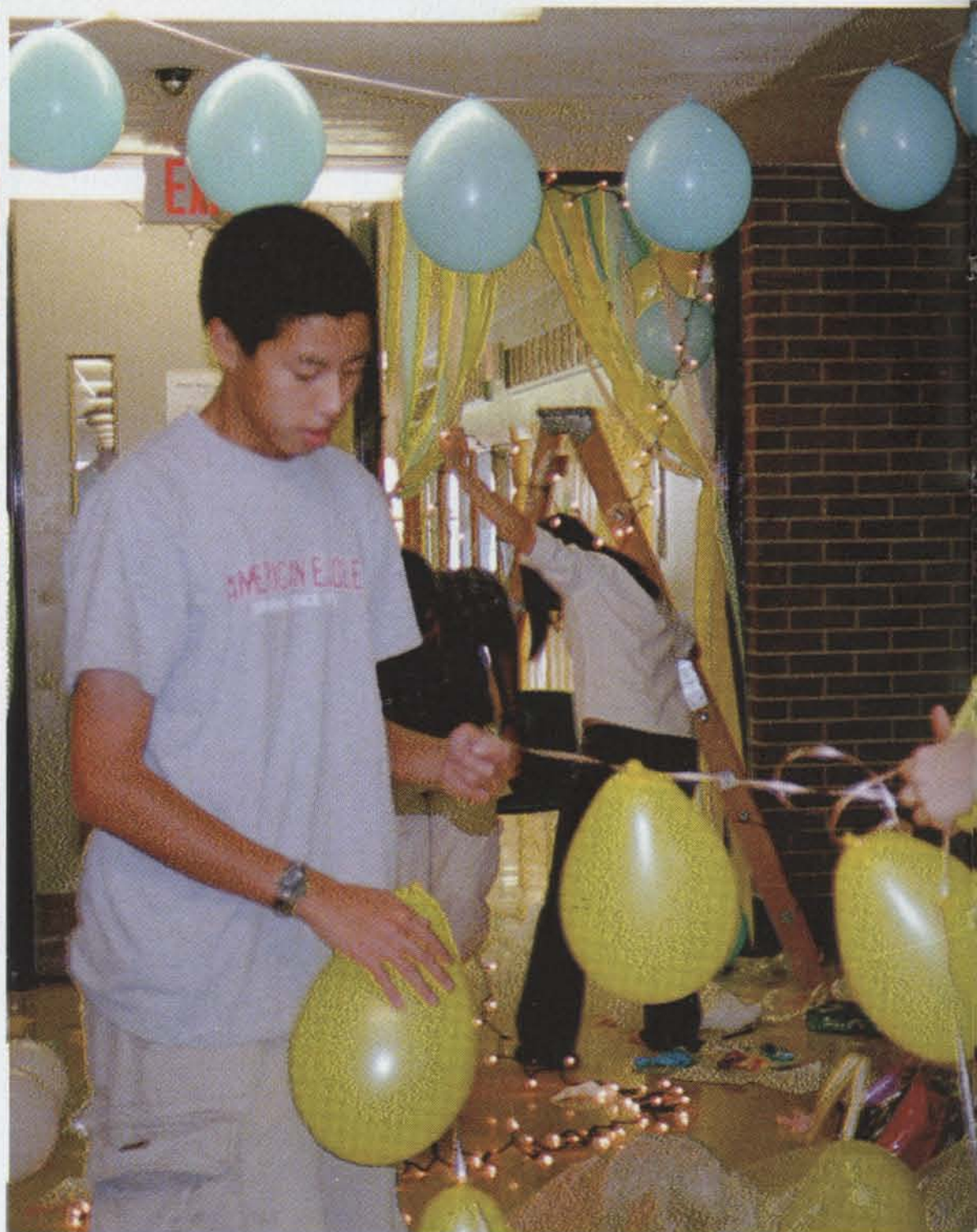
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During the traditional "chubby bunny" game, senior Josh Heimerdinger (above) expands his cheeks. Photograph by Katie Payne.



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Freshman Joe Waropay (above) leads his freshman classmates in the annual singing of "I'm a Little Tea-Pot." Photograph by Allie Jocson. [9.23.04] Seniors Jon Ken and Katie Riordan (right) stay after school to decorate the senior hallway. Photograph by Tyler Brown.



When The Spirit Moves You

Senior Jake Weis found a way to make his last pep-rally memorable and inspirational

By: Erica Rohren

For Jacob Weis this pep-rally was the ultimate experience. Being a senior football player, this pep-rally was more meaningful for him than all the others in past years. Since it was his last pep-rally for his last homecoming football game, he wanted to make the experience memorable.

Weis has always found a way to play a special role in the events at the pep-rally. His freshmen and sophomore year he competed in "chubby bunny" and his junior year in the banana eating contest. However, this year was different for Weis. This year was the first time for the pie eating contest and once again Weis decided to be involved.

He ran down the bleacher stairs to the table with the pies. He stood by the table while the judges tied his hands behind his back. The crowd went wild for Weis and all the seniors were cheering and yelling for him. The competitors from every class sat down at the table as they waited for junior Will Irvin to give the signal that they could start.

As the competition started Weis threw his face into the pie with all of his might and started eating as much as possible. When all the competitors thought they were done they stood up with their face covered in pie and whipped cream.

The only problem was that junior Justin Beyer and Weis both thought they had won. With arguments arousing between students and the competition being such a close call, the judges had to turn to the crowd for the final verdict. With a roar of the students, Weis became the champion.

Even though Weis loves being involved in the competitions of the pep-rally, there are things he enjoys even more. Being one of the football team captains, he got the chance to make this event motivational by speaking to his fellow U-High classmates. He got the opportunity to give the football team confidence and hope.

He may have left the football team with high hopes and confidence for the game, but those aren't the only people he rubbed off on. He left an emotional vibe in the crowd and suddenly every student was full of Pioneer pride and excitement for the Homecoming game.

This was an inspirational event for Weis and it was definitely unforgettable. "This year's pep-rally was more exciting for me because I got to be involved in the speeches. But it's sad because it's my last pep-rally and homecoming game. It's gone by so fast, I can still remember my first one," Weis said.

Weis got the chance to have three memories for his senior homecoming. He had the opportunity to be involved in more than just the football game and pep-rally, he also got the honor to be nominated on the 2004 Homecoming court. "It's cool. I get to be on court and play in the football game. It doesn't get much better than that," Weis said.



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Senior Jake Weis (above) rallies the crowd during the Homecoming Pep Rally. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



Bittersweet Defeat

Although the scoreboard said differently, the football team felt victorious

By: Catherine Anhalt

The U-High football team walked off the field on Friday Sept. 24 realizing that the little points and plays really do matter. After a cutthroat game, the Pioneers were unable to walk away with a victory. After losing to Prairie Central 27-26, the players were physically, mentally and emotionally drained.

Senior co-captain Matt Reoch said it was a tough game for the Pioneers.

"It's painful knowing you were very close, and you scratched and clawed and you didn't win. I wish I could go back and play it again and just drain my body so I couldn't walk off the field," Reoch said.

The close score showed the effort and energy the Pioneers put into the game. "I would rather lose by a close game because it shows you didn't just get completely out-

played and worked over by the other team," senior co-captain Tom Alldridge said. And that is just what the Pioneers did. After only one minute and forty-five seconds, the Pioneers were first on the scoreboard by a touchdown from senior Andy Dittbenner.

For the rest of the game the two teams were back and forth with the lead. U-High trailed 17-21 at the half, but spirits were still high.

"During half-time, the team was still really energized and focused on the game. We could win the game, and we knew that," Reoch said. The Pioneers didn't only have this game in their focus, but also the playoffs. With a victory, the team could almost guarantee a trip to the playoffs.

The Pioneers took the lead early in the fourth quarter from a touchdown by junior quarterback Tyler Cox. Morale and intensity were high until Prairie Central scored with forty-three seconds remaining in the game, taking a 27-24 lead. U-High would only get within one point because of a safety with eighteen seconds remaining. The scoreboard might have read as a loss, but the Pioneers won in many ways.

"It was the best game we have played all year so far, but the cards just didn't fall for us so we didn't get the win we were looking for. This game showed that our team could play with the best teams in our league and also be as good as them. We came together as a whole team and played our hearts out

for a whole game and that was really cool to see happen," Alldridge said.

The Pioneers did play as a team for the entire forty-eight minutes of the football game. Each team member gave it their all in every play for every second. "I learned when doing something you love, there is never a point that I know of at which you can reach where you can give too much effort. Pouring all your heart, soul, sweat, blood, into the game there is never a limit or a line that says 'this is where you need to be at' because it is never enough," Reoch added.

While Reoch says there are no limits to effort, the Pioneers came pretty close to that barrier while competing against Prairie Central in the Homecoming football game. The U-High football team gave every ounce of energy they had and did in fact come out on top with a victory.

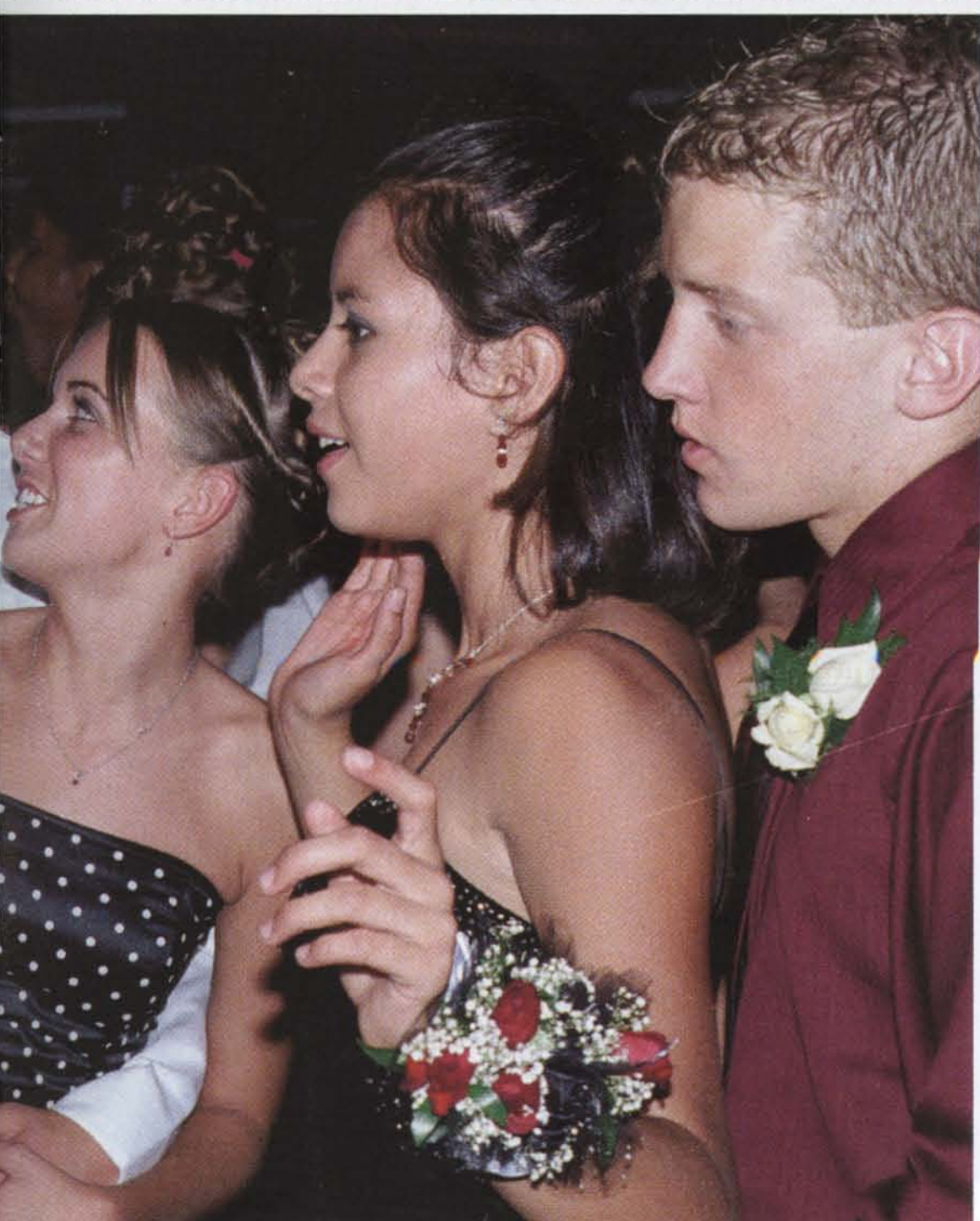


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Senior Lane Raney (above) jumps up for a touchdown pass while being double teamed by Prairie Central defense.

Photograph by Mallory McCoy.





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Patrick Turner and Samantha Vazquez (above) pose for the crowd after being announced 2004 Homecoming King and Queen. Other Homecoming candidates included Chance Walker, Keely Scott (above left) Trevor Somers, Amy Pacilio (above right), Ben Reeser, Taylor Brucker, Collin Reeser, Allie Jocson, Jake Weis and Anna Schilawski. Photograph by Mallory McCoy.

9.24.04
Sophomore Katherine Scheck takes up her flag during the halftime performance of the Homecoming football game. Photograph by Katie Payne.
[9.25.04] Freshman Ally Miller, and date, dance beside freshman Mercedes Martinez and junior Josh Maher (left). Photograph by Sarah Charles.

10.9.04

Senior Alyssa Scritchlow (below) runs as the senior coaches watch from the sidelines. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [10.9.04] Junior Katie Shumacher (right) runs towards the end zone as teammate Laura Bullinger watches for defense. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



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Senior Taylor Brucker (below) throws the ball towards a fellow teammate as junior Laura Bullinger tries to block the shot. "We were unprepared for the game," Bullinger said, "But morally we felt like we succeeded." The seniors won 21-0. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



Like Cats And Dogs

Students encounter battles on and off the field during the annual powderpuff game

By: Marlee Cooper

"In the past 20 years I have been at U-High, powderpuff has not been a sanctioned event because the game is too much of a liability issue. Considering the fact that U-High's powderpuff game is full tackle, the safety of the students is at risk," U-High Athletic Director, Curt Christensen, said when commenting on the annual powderpuff game.

"The school doesn't have the extra \$800-\$1000 it would cost to buy helmets and pads to protect the girls. It would have to be converted to flag football to be considered. It is the faculty's job to protect the students," he added.

Christensen also said, U-High does not sanction the event so that the school is not responsible if a student gets hurt. Even some students, like senior Chandra Golden, opt not to participate in the event.

"To me the powderpuff game was amusing. It seemed that some of the girls took their personal problems out on the field...I just think that some girls took it too far," Golden said, "The reason I decided to be a spectator instead of a participant was because I'd rather not get caught up in the mess that some people did. I think the biggest problem was that there were too many parents with their video cameras filming, instead of expressing their authority."

This year, however, over 45 students did decide to participate in one way or another in a game that often became violent. At the beginning of many plays, the ball was passed and a tackle was made. Problems occurred after the tackles when girls took the plays personally and responded with hostile behavior. It was then when the girls took their anger out on each other and began throwing punches.

"Powderpuff is known for fights, not serious, but for fun. It all started off as just messing around I thought, but then it escalated into a big deal," senior Natalie Davis said.

Even the powderpuff players who were not involved in the fights still worried about ordinary football injuries.

"I'm just glad the only thing I broke was my finger," junior Dani Jacobs said.

There have been mixed feelings about the game whether it was too violent. To many students, the violence is just part the game. "Everyone knows that powderpuff is a violent game with fights, and if you don't want to get hurt, then don't play," senior Ali Chapman said.

"It's frustrating because most schools make powderpuff work. If we used the "flag football" approach, students like me, who are involved in sports, could participate," junior Ashton Hitchcock said.



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Enemy arms wraps themselves around Junior Laura Bullinger as she attempts to make a touchdown. Photograph by Allie Jocson.

The Lone Ranger

Environmental Science teacher Don Petty furthers his students' learning by taking them outside while other classes stay in

By Alyssa Solava

One day Don Petty's Environmental class started off with a bang. Almost literally.

"We actually found a gun one year while we were at Pheasant Creek,"

Environmental Science teacher Don Petty said. "The police had to be called in and they had to search the creek."

Petty takes his Environmental classes out to Pheasant Creek every year to search and experiment with the organisms that live there. And although they didn't find any guns this year, students still had an interesting time.



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Don Petty pauses during one outing to Pheasant Creek to oversee his class. Photograph by Katie Payne.

Earlier this year when the creek overflowed Petty took his classes out to see how much the creek had changed with the rain. He was the only one who entered into the creek and ended up getting a little too excited, tripped, and fell over.

"Petty taught us to become one with the creek, literally," senior Holly Kennedy said.

Some students aren't extremely excited about jumping into their rubber boots and running down to the creek to play with organisms at the beginning of the year.

"Environmental is not for the neat freaks. You have to put rubber boots on and get into the water," senior Caitlin Lartz said.

"I wasn't thrilled about going into the creek at first, but after a while it was neat how you got to get down into things and explore," senior Katie Sliney said.

Students go out to the creek to examine the habitat and take a closer look at the different species of organisms.

Environmental science students also collect organisms by kicking the rocks around in the creek to dislodge the organisms and then allowing them to float into a net. Once they have them in the nets the students place them in alcohol so the organisms will die and

can then be examined under the microscopes.

After a while the students begin to have fun and truly enjoy their surrounding environment. That's Petty's favorite part about teaching the class.

"I get a kick out of seeing students go from 'eww yuck!' to 'wow, that's cool,'" Petty said.





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Senior Ryan Johnson, junior Sarah McCullough and junior Matt Hinshaw (left) receive instructions from Don Petty on how to perform experiments involving insect larvae. Photograph by Katie Payne.



10.12.04

Don Petty (left) walks through the muddy water of the creek he has come to love. [10.12.04] Don Petty (below) helps juniors Molly Schiller and Alisa Ndorongo pick out the larvae that they should keep to analyze. Photographs by Katie Payne.

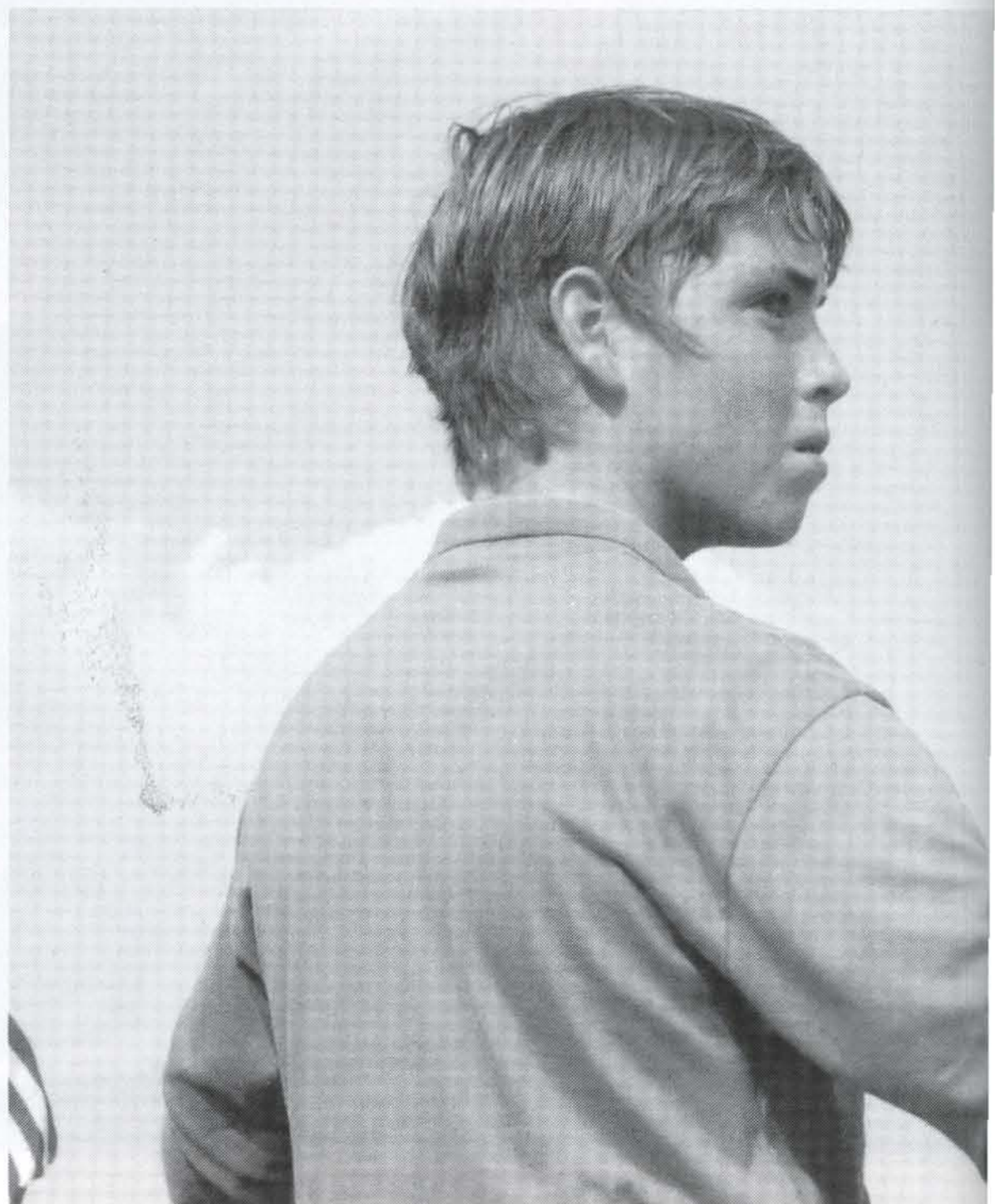




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Sophomore Stephanie Sidak (above) plays the flute at the intercity football game. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



10.1.04
Drum major Patrick Turner (right) conducts the band during the halftime performance. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [10.1.04] Saxophone players Kyle Yarbrough, Sarah Wintersteen, and clarinet player Sarah Morris (above) stay in formation during the Intercity game. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



Pirates of the Caribbean

The Marching Pioneers brought a little movie magic on the football field for all to enjoy

By Megan Sage

As the U-High Marching Pioneers exited the field in competition, a group of girls swarmed the gate. "Is that Johnny Depp from Pirates of the Caribbean?" they asked. "Excuse me, can I have a hug?" "Can I have your autograph?"

Much to the disappointment of the girls, it wasn't Johnny Depp. It was, however, one of U-High's very own drum majors: Patrick Turner.

Turner doesn't dress up like Captain Jack Sparrow just for fun, he was in costume for the band performance.

This year, the Marching Pioneers played excerpts from the film "Pirates of the Caribbean." The three drum majors dressed in costume as three characters from the movie, Turner being one of them.

The Metamora High School Invitational was going to be the last for the marching band season.

As afternoon turned to evening, the band gathered into a circle in the parking lot before they took the field. It was the last time the seniors would march in a competition and be with their fellow musicians.

Director Jason Landes gave the seniors a chance to address the band. Drum Majors Samantha Vazquez and Patrick Turner stepped forward.

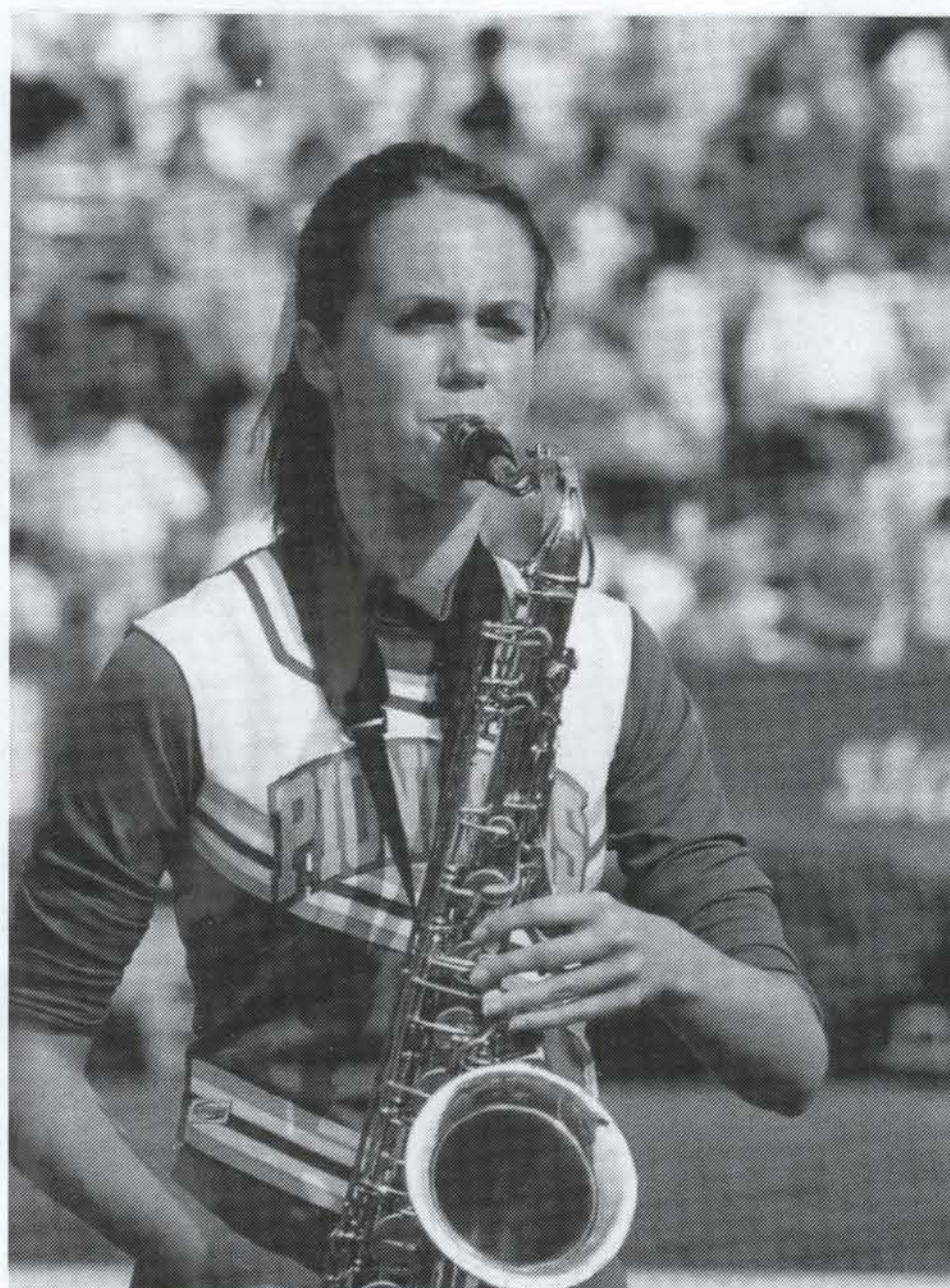
"I really like marching band – I look forward to it!" Vazquez said. "I really love this band, so if nothing else, go march for the seniors, and make me like you even more!"

"When you're done with the show, you should be spent physically and mentally. When you hit that last note, you should just have to stop and grin because you know you did the best you could," Turner said.

With high energy, the band entered the field in competition with three selections to perform. As each piece was strategically performed, the judges awarded the band with Best Winds, Best Drum Majors in Field Show, and Class 2A 2nd place overall.

As the day came to an end and the 2004 Marching Band season drew to a close, the band boarded the bus to return home. It was time to put away their instruments and take off the pirate costumes.

"We had a great band this year and they had a very successful season!" Landes said.



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Sophomore Paige Durchholts (above) represents both the marching band and the cheerleading squad as she takes a break from cheering to play her saxophone during the half-time show. Photograph by Allie Jocson.

State of the Art

After sweeping state boys golfers admit that they were each other's biggest competition

By: Abby Meisner

The U-High boys' golf team faced fierce competition this season though they never coming close to losing a single match. It was an intense intersquad competition that forced the team to improve and led to one of their most successful seasons ever.

"It doesn't hurt when the best golfers in the state are all on my team," junior Drew Miller said, "I loved the competition within our team, it really helped us improve."

The team walked into the state tournament as an undefeated team and walked out with the best score posted by any A or AA team.

State fans and onlookers watched in amazement as the boys broke the single day record by eight strokes, and the total tournament score by four strokes.

Senior Michael McKenzie said the team felt successful early on but it took awhile for other teams to notice.

"I think once we won our first tournament, in Macomb, we realized our

potential. But it wasn't until Intercity that everyone else started recognizing us. We took the top four places there and started catching the eyes of a lot of people," McKinzie added.

The team's talent pool is so deep that not only was the varsity team successful, but the JV went 18-1 in duel matches.

"JV competed five times in varsity competitions, and placed well," Coach Tom Romance said. "It shows the quality and depth of golf talent at U-High."

"I think it was easy for me to stay positive while I was playing because I knew my teammates could always back me up if I wasn't playing to my full potential," junior Tyler McNeely said, "It's great to know that your team scores will remain about the same when someone is having an off day."

While he could have rested on the laurels of his best players, Romance said he does his best to get all of his players involved. He even attempted to get two teams to the State Tournament.

"Before regionals, I called the IHSA Officials and asked if I could have two teams play at state, but they wouldn't allow it," Romance said.

Sophomore Dusty Koth, who received the team's MVP Award and placed third at the State Tournament said the team knew what it wanted from the first tee-off.

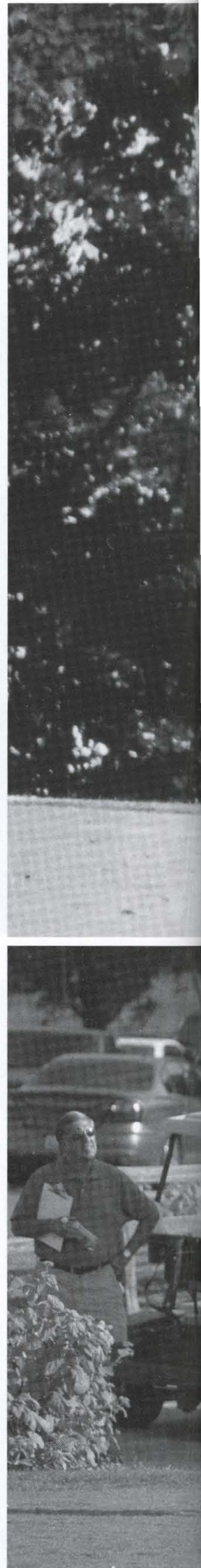
"This year was a great year for everyone, we all kept focus on what we wanted to do. The goal of winning state was in our minds from the start," Koth said.

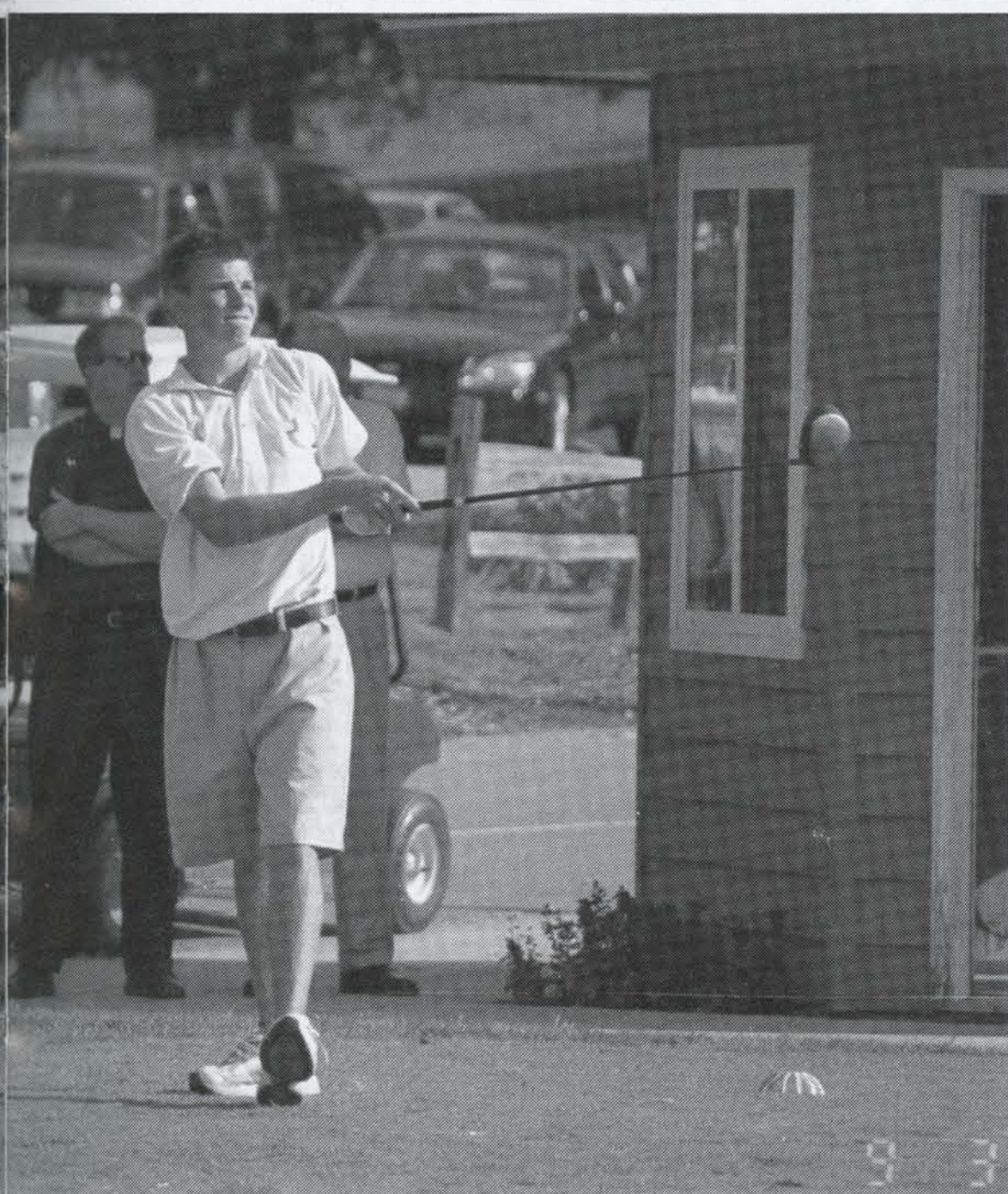
For McKinzie, the team's only senior, the season marked a special high point. McKinzie can now graduate with the satisfaction of a great four years on a very successful golf team. "It feels great to not only win state back to back, but also to be a part of the best IHSA Class A team, possibly even the best team ever in Illinois," he said.



8.26.04

Senior Mike McKenzie (above) follows through on his swing at a golf meet on the Prairie Vista golf course. Photograph by Katie Payne.





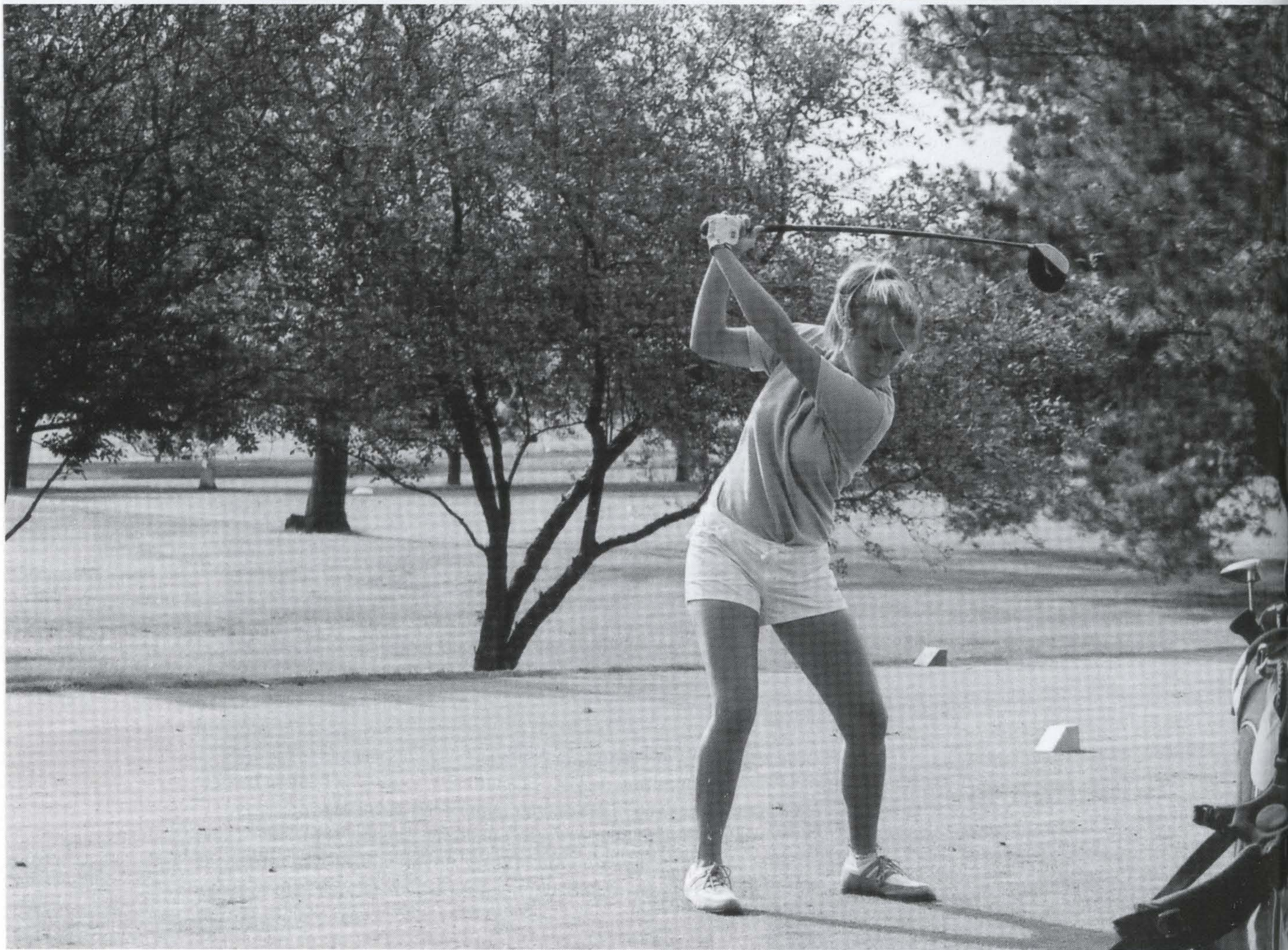
8.26.04
Junior Tyler McNeely
(above) watches his shot at
the Prairie Vista golf course.
Photograph by Katie Payne.

8.26.04
Junior Drew Miller (above) focuses on his swing during a match at the ISU
golf course. Photograph by Katie Payne. [8.26.04] Sophomore William
Cullen (right) tees off at the ISU golf course. Photograph by Katie Payne.

9.1.04
 Sophomore Christine Liang (right) pauses after her swing as she watches her ball soar. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [9.1.04] Freshmen Chelsea Harris and Cheryl Liang (below) talk as they watch their teammates tee off. Photograph by Mallory McCoy.



9.1.04
 Junior Brittany Kilborn (below) in mid-swing as she tees off on the first tee at ISU Golf Course. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



Lasting Legacies

After placing second at state, the girls bid farewell to one legacy and look forward to another

By: Chelcei Fischer

The girls golf team had its last Milligan this year. After senior Marisa Milligan played her last round she walked off of the green as the last of three Milligan siblings to play a prominent part on the team.

"I'm pretty sad about it, but it's been a great twelve years. I've watched three of their girls grow up," Coach Cal Hubbard said of Milligan's graduation.

No one is quite sure how the loss of Milligan will affect the team though. "That's to be determined," Hubbard said. "Anytime you loose someone like that, it will impact you somehow, but that happens every year."

Milligan had four very successful years and this one proved to be her best. Her two-day score of 161 at state lead her to a sixth place finish, the highest for a girl's golfer in the school's history.

"It felt really good. I've never placed in the top ten before. My goal was to place somewhere in the top three. The conditions weren't the best, but I thought I played really well," Milligan said. "It makes it hard because there is no class splits in girls' golf. I was really proud of myself though."

With Milligan's help, the girls easily brought home both regional and sectional titles and were off to state for the sixth year in a row, but there was more to this team than just Milligan, in fact, there may be more legacies in the making.

"I think what makes our team different from all the teams in the past is we have a lot of freshman with a great amount of talent. Our number two player was a freshman," Milligan said.

Freshman Kaitlyn Wampler is the young talent Milligan talked about, and she is likely to be a player that will be talked about for her entire career.

"Kaitlyn did great for us this year. She was four strokes better than any freshman we've ever had. Her average was 40.1, the third best average in school history," Hubbard said. Wampler wasn't the only freshman to add to the team's success, freshman Chelsea Harris' contribution was less expected. Harris went to the state competition as an alternate but was called into action and shot an 83, which was the second best score for the team that weekend.

Their team's success is even more impressive when considering U-High's competition was both Class A and AA schools.

"Girls' golf isn't divided into Class A and AA, so second place is a real accomplishment. It's the time of the season when things get most competitive and we have the mind-set to grind and work hard," junior Lisa English said.

Hubbard agreed with English about the talent and the depth of the team. "Their team averages broke previous records. They stand out because of their ability. Every girl we had was capable of varsity level golf. We won every tournament we entered except for state," Hubbard said, "This is truly the best team we've ever had."



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Coach Cal Hubbard and junior Lisa English (above) watch as their competition tees off. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



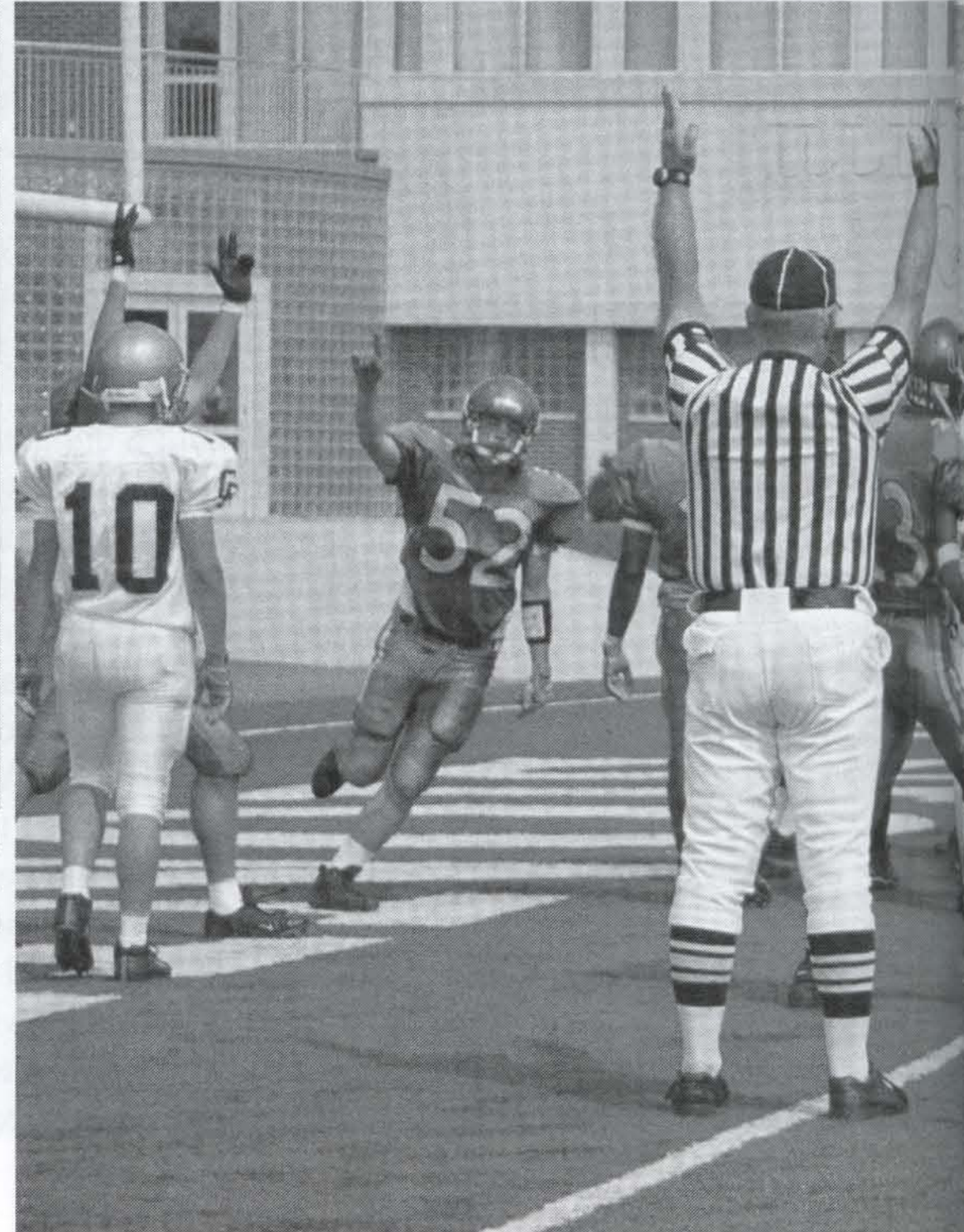
9.3.04

The football players celebrate (above) after scoring a touchdown during the Inter-city game against the Central Catholic Saints. U-High lost the game 21-35. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



9.3.04

The Pioneers line up on offense (above) in an attempt for a touchdown. Photograph by Mallory McCoy. [9.3.04] The sideline referee signals a touchdown as the football team celebrates. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



Until the Very Last

Despite unexpected setbacks, the Pioneers gave their all every second of their season

By: Catherine Anhalt

Senior CJ Johnson knows he has to give his all. He knows that this could be the last game of his high school football career. If the team doesn't win this game, the season will be over. The Pioneers have to defeat undefeated Mahomet Seymour to make it into the playoffs and keep their season alive. Tonight the air is crisp and cool. A fog is beginning to roll onto the football field.

During a regular play, Johnson is on defense and spots the running-back with the football. He charges for the tackle and then something unexpected happens. With a crunch he dislocates his shoulder.

"I went for the tackle thinking 'it's me or him'. My shoulder had already been bothering me. After I got hit, I knew I was out for the game. I knew my shoulder was dislocated," Johnson said. Despite agonizing pain, Johnson was still thinking of the team though, and his last act as a Pioneer was one of noble selflessness.

"I was screaming in pain. It was a really sharp, different type of pain. It felt like someone just stomped on my shoulder. My whole arm was numb, but I didn't want to use a time-out, so I got off the field as quickly as I could," Johnson explained.

The U-High and Mahomet trainers could not pop his shoulder back in place so an ambulance was called. Johnson was hooked up to an IV and given morphine for the pain. He was taken to the hospital by half time and would not return see the outcome of the game.

"The hospital was terrible. I had to wait to get x-rays and then wait to see the doctor. I must have waited for two hours. I was on morphine, but I could still feel the pain," Johnson said.

After leaving the hospital, reality finally hit him. "On the ride home, I started to cry," he said.

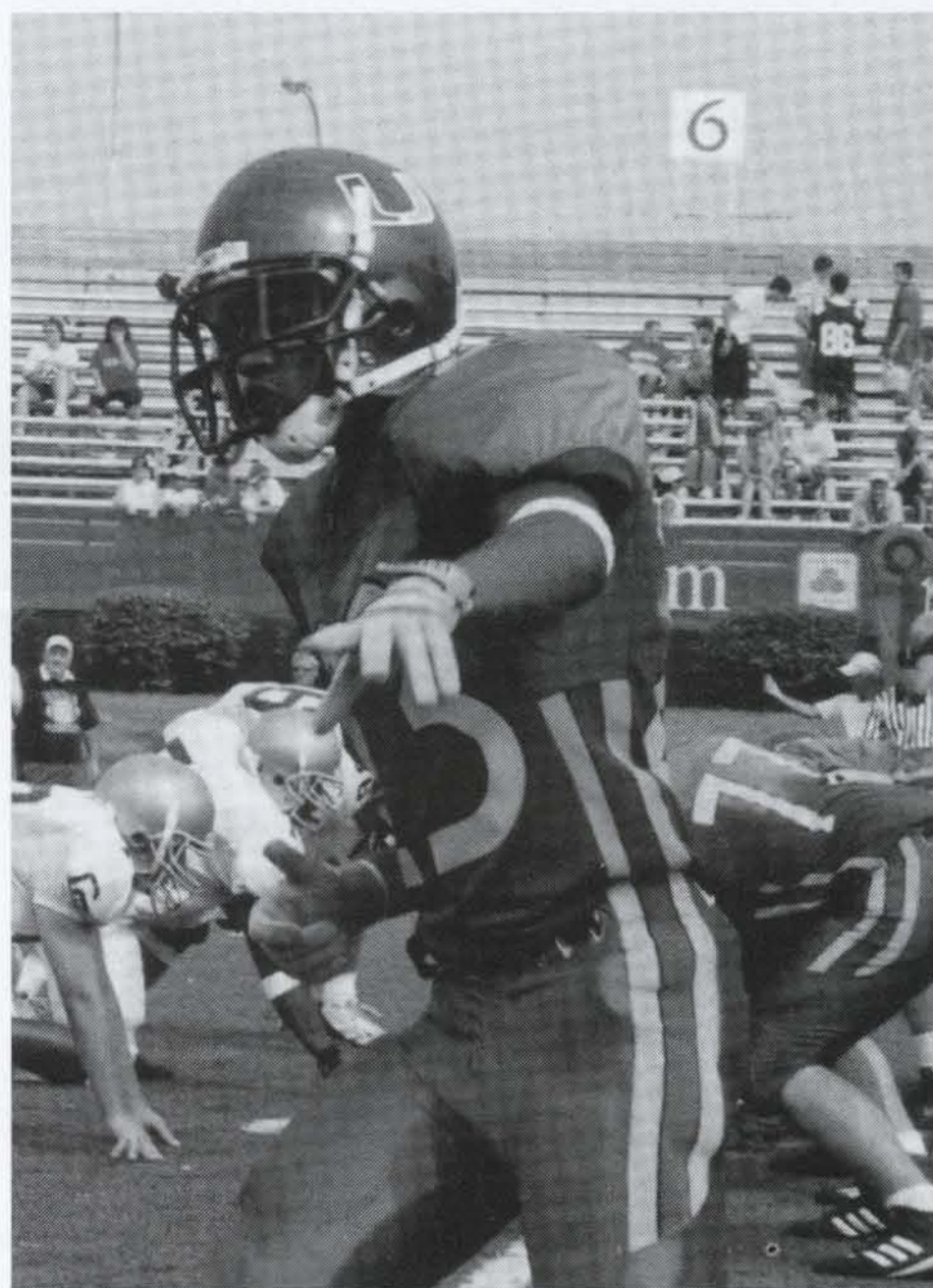
Johnson's injury didn't just affect him but the entire team as well. "After he got hurt, we realized that we lost a lot of our speed and senior leadership," junior Sam Hendricks said.

"We knew that he was a big part of the team and couldn't be replaced, but we still had to stay focused," senior Michael Darrow added.

After Johnson was injured, the remaining Pioneers never gave up against Mahomet. They fought until the last seconds of the game even though they took a tough 34-7 loss. After their loss against Mahomet, the Pioneers ended their season 4-5.

Johnson's injury in the Mahomet game was much like the Pioneer's entire football season, as unexpected losses and problems hindered a team with higher expectations.

Yet like Johnson the football never took the unexpected events laying down, and in all situations they both came back fighting. The Pioneers never for a moment doubted each other or their possibilities as a team.



9.3.04

Junior Josh Huff (above) checks with the referee on his alignment before the start of the play. Photograph by Allie



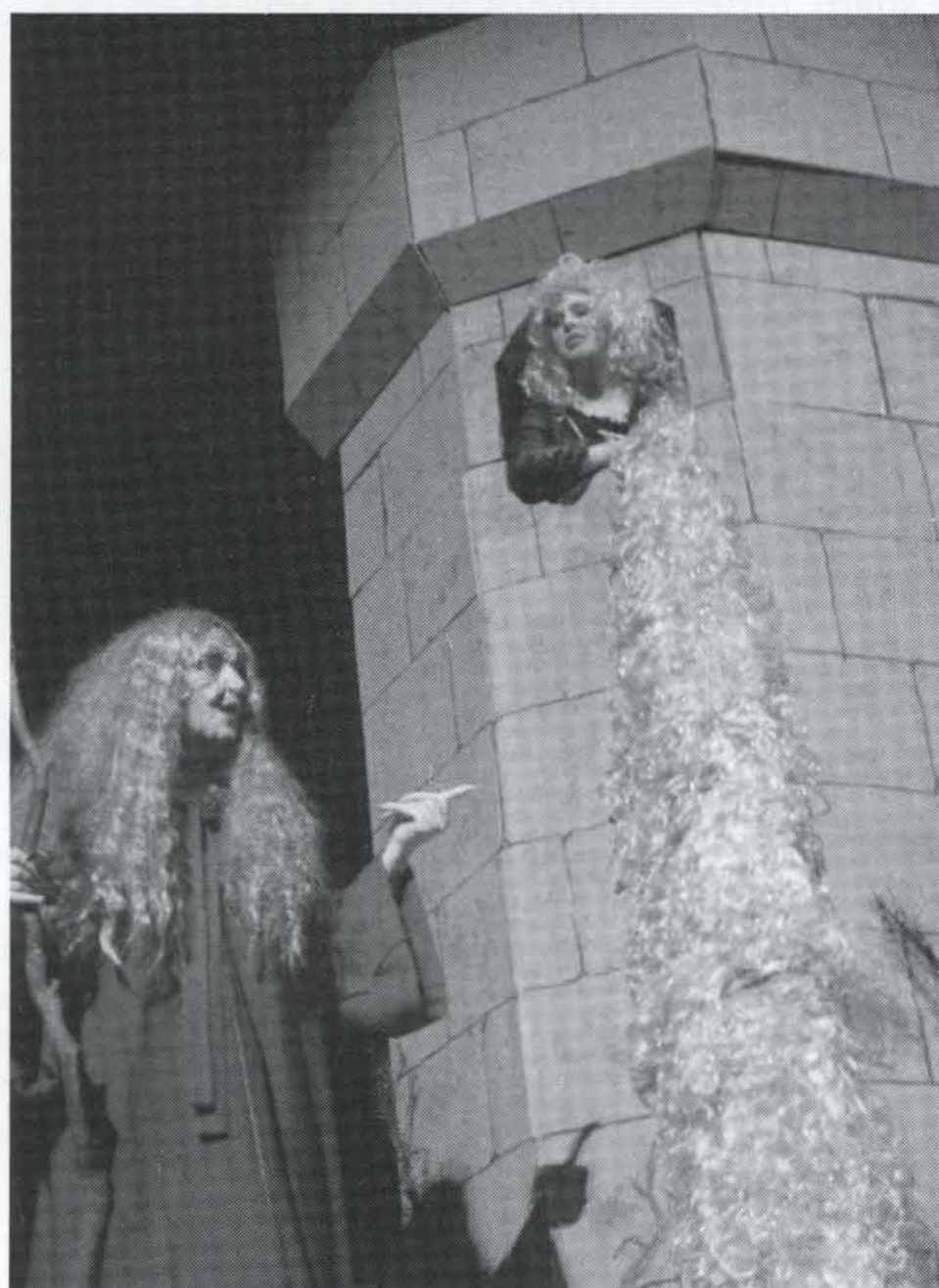
Getting Out of the Woods

Students overcome improbable deadline to create a musical fairy tale

By: Rachel Solava

What do slotted spoons, angry giants and womanizing princes have to do with fairy tales? U-High's fall musical, "Into the Woods," works these and other unlikely elements into its retelling of some classic fairy tales. The purpose of the musical, though, is really to go beyond tales like "Jack and the Beanstalk," "Little Red Riding Hood," "Cinderella," and "Rapunzel" in order to see what really happens after "happily ever after?"

The first act of the musical begins with various characters from well-known fairy tales interacting with each other as they travel "into the woods and home before dark."



10.22.04

Junior Kiri Palm, the Witch, sings to her daughter Rapunzel, played by sophomore Lindsay Skaggs. Photograph by Mal-lory McCoy.

One by one, the characters begin to get their lives in order and enjoy the promise of living happily ever after; the Baker (who was played by senior Alex Preller) and his wife (senior Melissa Basolo) have their child, Cinderella (junior Nandini Bhat) finds her prince (senior Trevor Somers), and Little Red Riding Hood (freshman Haley Stuckey) saves her Granny (sophomore Sarah Ferry). But there's something about these woods.

The second half of the play as these characters' lives don't quite work out as expected as; the Steward (freshman John Cooper) kills Jack's Mother (senior Megan Sage), the baker's wife kisses Cinderella's prince, and even the Narrator (senior Erik Anderson) gets caught up in the action and is killed by an angry giant.

The production of the play did not work out as expected either and early into preparation the twenty two cast members and thirty nine crew members realized they had only six weeks to create this complex musical. Some were worried there would be no happy ending, including the musical's director, Susan Thetard.

"We only had six weeks instead of the usual eight to ten," Thetard said.

The crew was worried too. "I was nervous it wasn't going to come together," senior Patrick Turner (Jack) said.

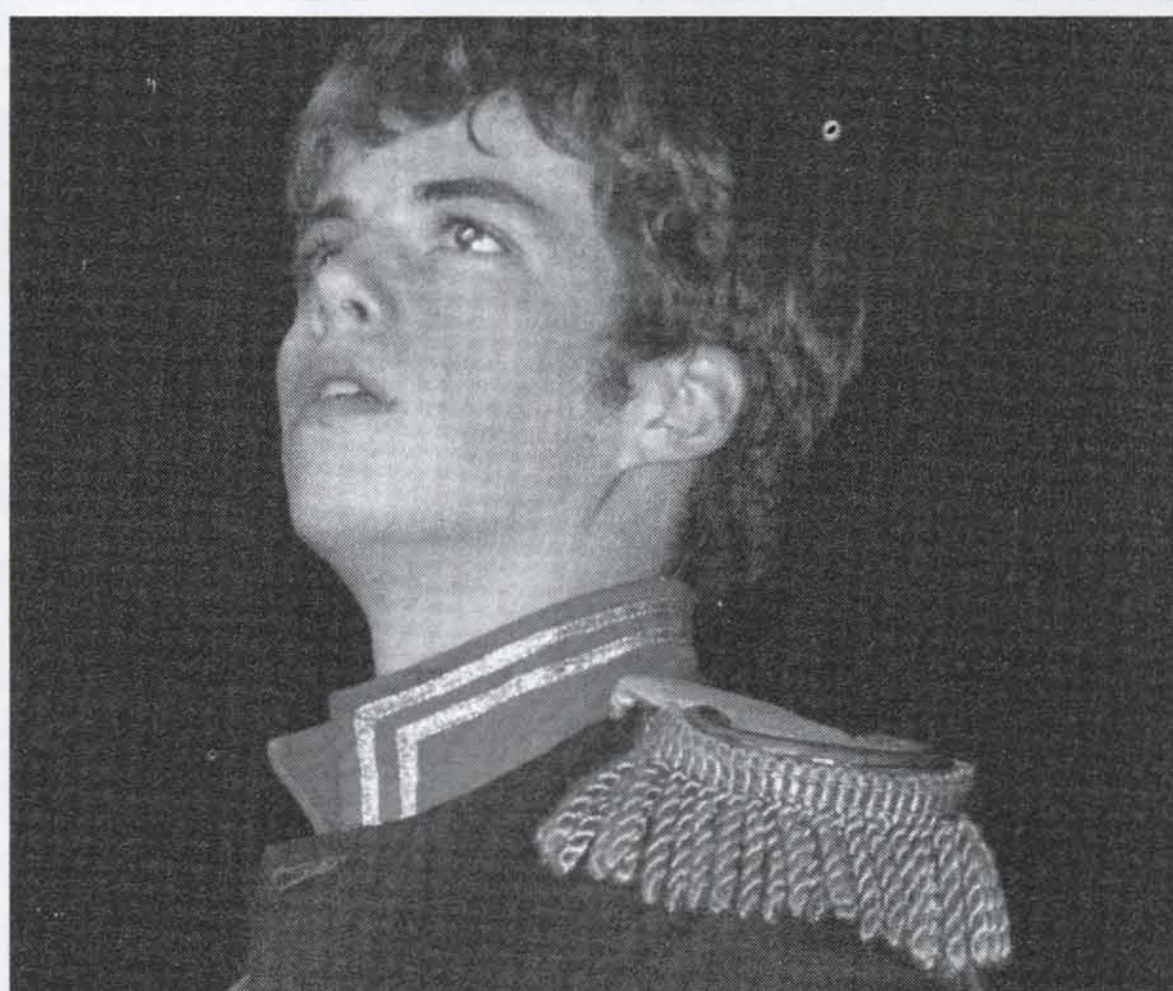
Somehow, though, everything came together just in time for the magical moment of opening night.

"My favorite part was opening night. I like the excitement, anticipation and nervousness," senior Trevor Somers said.

Throughout the entire production, the audience is warned to be careful what it wishes for, yet U-High could not have wished for a better cast, crew, and director to pull the fall musical together.



10.22.04
The Baker and his wife (above), played by Alex Preller and Melissa Basolo, listen to Little Red Riding Hood, played by Haley Stuckey, before she goes on her journey to Grandmother's house. Photograph by Mallory McCoy.



10.22.04
Trevor Somers (as Prince Charming) searches (above) for his Princess during a performance of "Into the Woods." Photograph by Mallory McCoy.
[10.22.04] Cinderella (Nandini Bhat) sings (right) of the life she wishes she could have. Photograph by Erica Rohren.

9.24.04

Senior Armando Baez (right) plays some tough defense. "When I get on the soccer field, I usually get very competitive and angry. That's usually when I play my best games; when emotions are involved," Baez said. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



9.7.04

Freshman EJ Schiller attempts to regain possession of the ball from an opponent. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [9.7.04]

Junior Miguel Baez (below) aggressively runs down the field to score a goal. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



Missed Opportunities

The boys soccer dream season ended earlier than expected

By: Erica Rohren

It was the season's most important regular season game and late into second half U-High was dominating the Peoria Notre Dame soccer team. The Pioneers were playing deep into their opponent's defensive territory working to build on the game's lone goal scored in the first half by senior Andy Clark.

Then, with ten seconds left on the clock, there was a foul made outside of the penalty box. Senior goalie Chance Walker set up a wall, and with three seconds left on the clock Notre Dame took a shot.

U-High went on to a tie game (1-1) and Notre Dame went on to win the State Championship, which pretty much sums up how the season went for the Pioneers.

"I was very angry after the game. I felt like we played good and had our best game of the year. We just had a mental lapse at the end, and they scored," Walker said.

U-High definitely missed opportunity after opportunity in the game. "We had so many chances to score and increase our lead in that game, but we didn't finish," Fritzen said.

Fritzen hoped the game against Notre Dame wouldn't affect his team, but it did. After that tie, the boys suffered a loss to Springfield Sacred Heart Griffin.

As if that wasn't enough, starting goalie Walker re-injured his knee just before the regional championship game. The injury forced Walker to sit out the rest of the season.

"Not being able to play was the worst feeling in the world because you work your entire season and because of one stupid incident, I couldn't play in the final game," Walker said.

Walker's injury was one of the toughest things for the U-High soccer team to go through at this time in the season. "Losing Chance at that point was a disappointment, we lost leadership. He was always giving directions to the players, you could hear him miles away with the way he talks," Fritzen said.

These events couldn't have occurred at a worse time for the soccer team. With a challenging game against Dunlap in the semifinals of sectionals, the Pioneers fell apart.

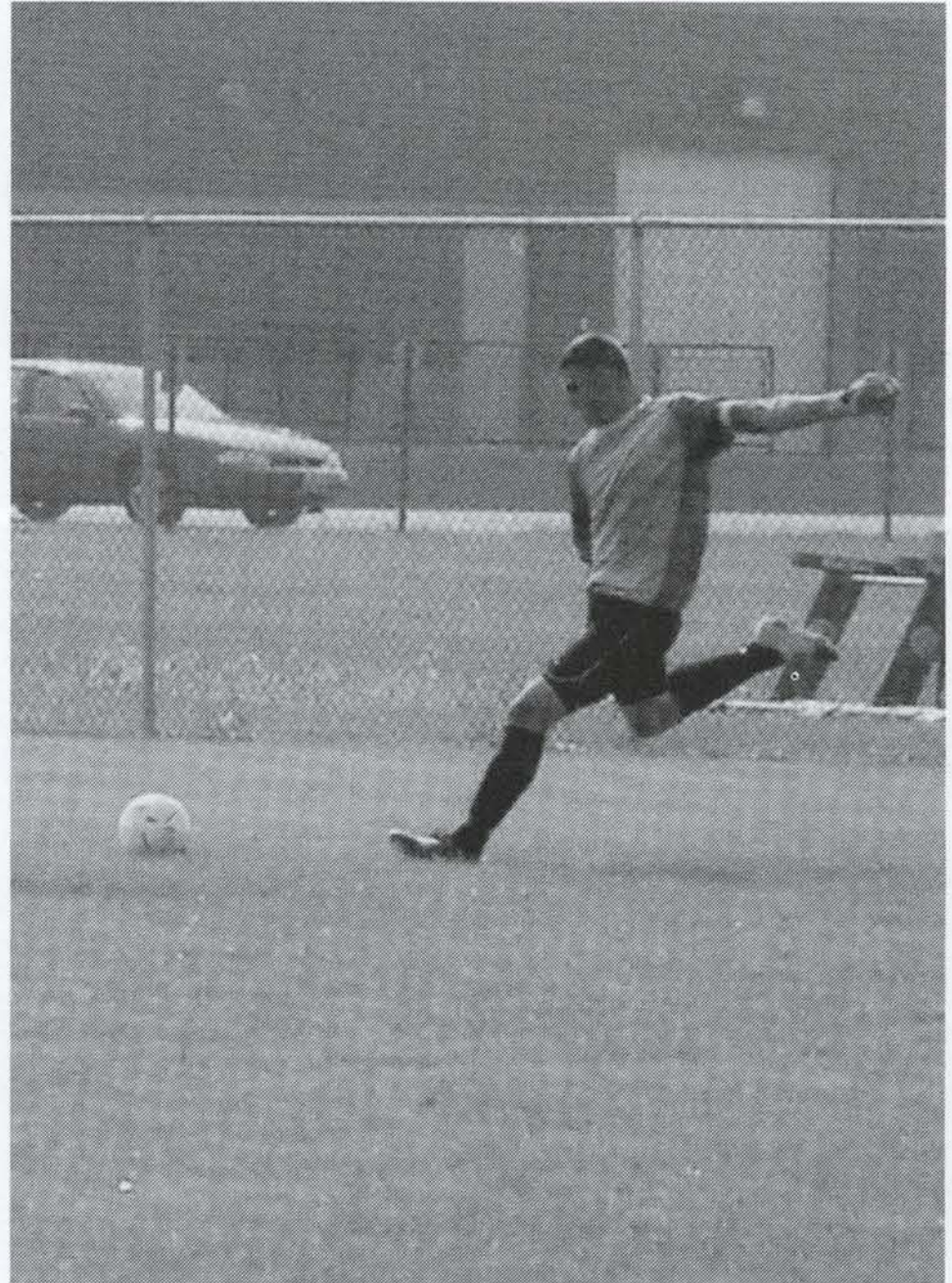
"They didn't play the way they should have, perhaps they were scared. Dunlap is a top notch team. We held them until the last five minutes of the first half and then they got two quick goals," Fritzen said.

The goals scored on the Pioneers were because of defensive mistakes. Once the goals happened, they couldn't recover.

The season may have ended short but they gave it their all and left their hearts on the field.

"I knew that all the post season games would be close, within a goal. It just depended on who had it that game and Dunlap had it," Fritzen said.

Although their season was cut short, this team was exceptional. They had great leaders to bring them out of many holes. Senior captains Peter Killian and Walker made huge contributions to the success of a team that should have beaten the state champs.



9.21.04

Senior Chance Walker approaches the ball during the intercity tournament at Normal West. Photograph by Erica

One for the Team

Sophomore Catherine Butts represented U-High at State by herself

By Jimmy Collins

As sophomore Catherine Butts stepped onto the court, she glanced around at the unfamiliar faces. She was nervous but also very excited. Here she was, all by herself at the State tournament, and she had never felt this much pressure. Then again, not every tennis player is able to have the experience of qualifying for the state tournament.

As the only U-High girls tennis player to go to state, Butts was the stand-out player for the 2004 season.

While most sports teams that participate in state or post-season tournaments go as a team, Butts was the only qualifier for the girls tennis team, which seems odd to some because many never expected the tennis prodigy to play tennis at all.

Like her older sister Anne, Butts was expected to play volleyball in highschool by many, but she surprised coaches and students when she decided to play tennis instead.

"During the summer after eighth grade I got into some tennis lessons and I really started playing tennis a lot," Butts said, "I played in a lot of tournaments and practiced almost everyday at Evergreen Racquet Club."

Finishing her season with a 13-11 record for tournaments, Butts showed a great example on the court, coach Bob Runyan said.

Coming into the season, expectations were

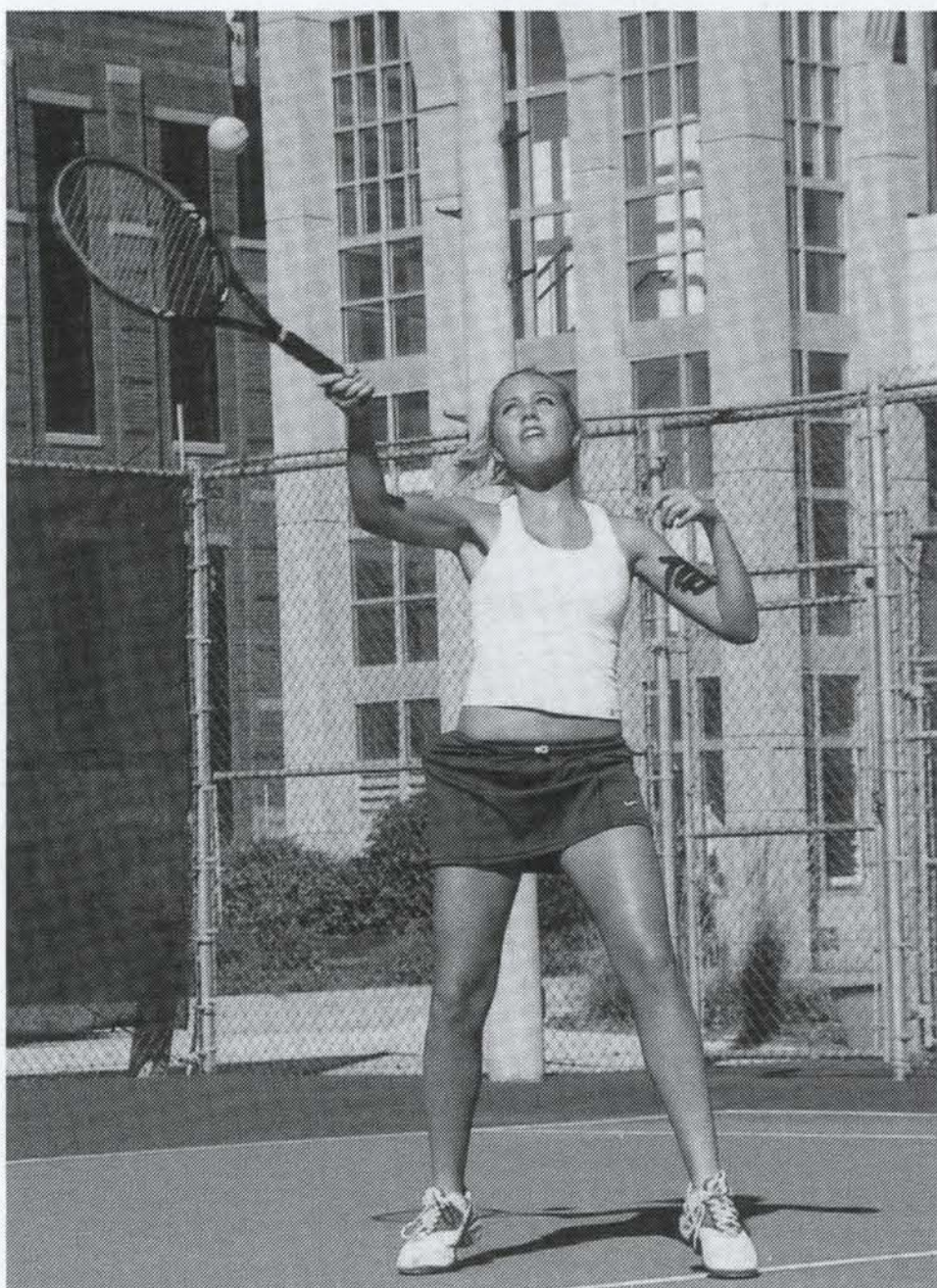
not very high for the girls, who lacked experience and were led by lone senior and captain Anna Schilawski.

"Anna was great to have on the team. She really helped the girls come together and keep their focus," Runyan said, "She was the verbal leader of the team." While stepping up as the verbal leader, Schilawski knew she could count on the talent from Butts.

"She was the hardest worker on the team and she never gave up in any of her matches. She set a great example for everyone on the team," Schilawski said.

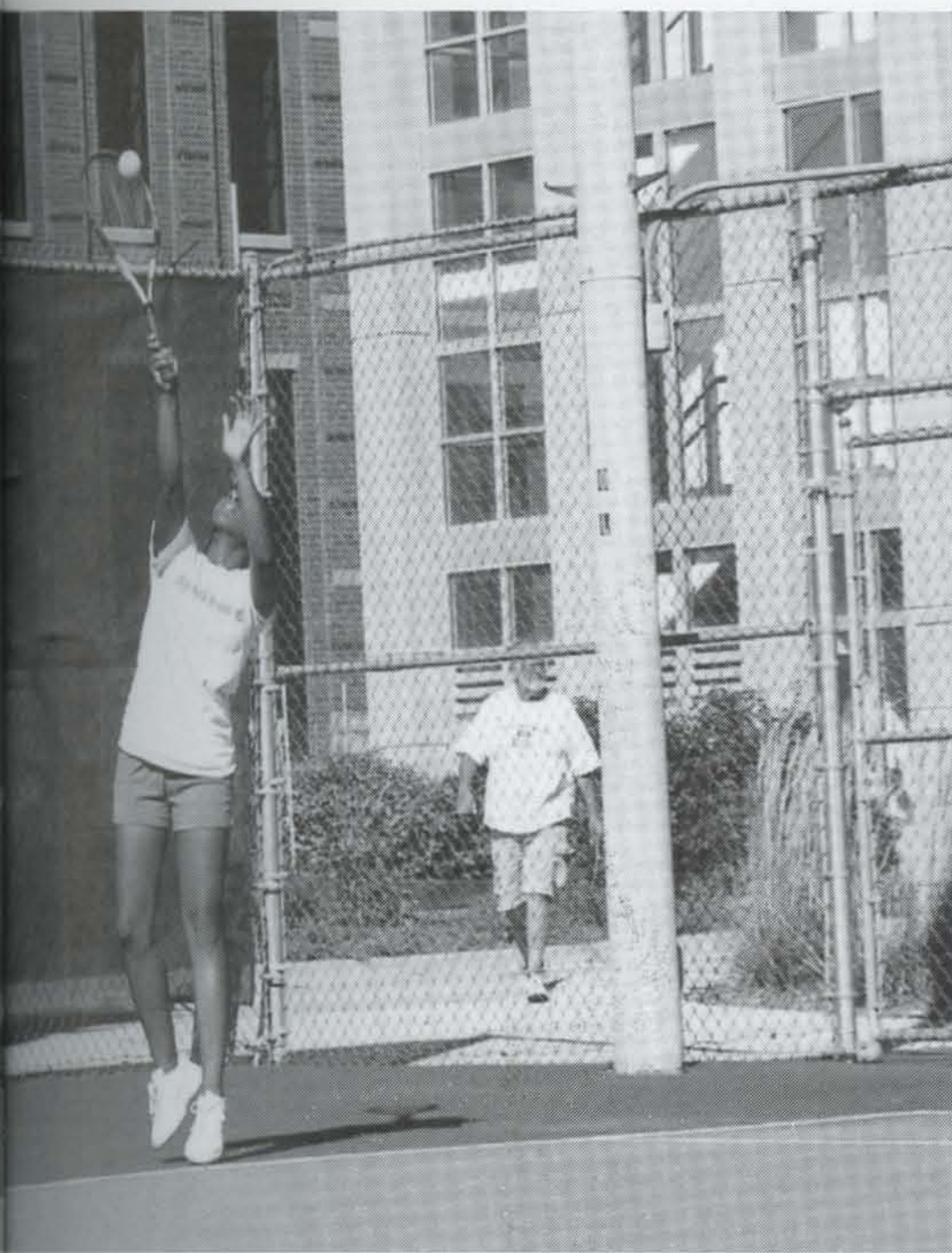
Despite handling the pressure well and playing great, Butts was defeated in the first round of State and went to the consolation bracket.

"I did not feel like there was much pressure on me. Everyone was really proud of me and I knew I had already accomplished a lot. I just wanted to do my best, give it my all, and I feel like I did," Butts said.



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Senior Anna Schilawski returns a serve at the ISU tournament. Photograph by Erica Rohren.



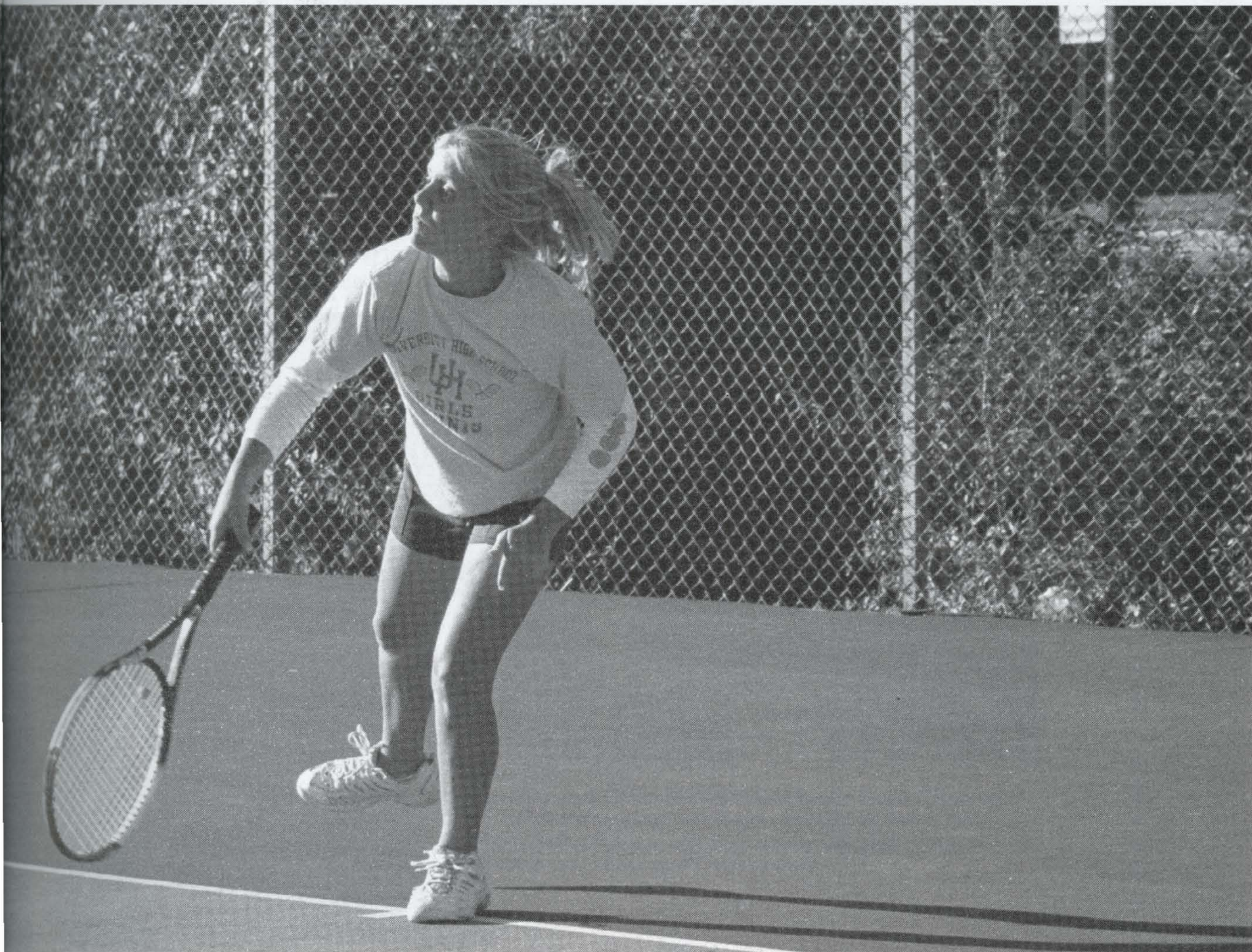
9.18.04

Junior Alex Clark-Payne (left) sends a serve across the net at a tournament at ISU. Photograph by Erica Rohren.



9.11.04

Junior Jenna Whikehart (left) plays during the U-High tournament. Photograph by Katie Payne. **[9.11.04]** Sophomore Catherine Butts (below) returns a volley. Photograph by Katie Payne.





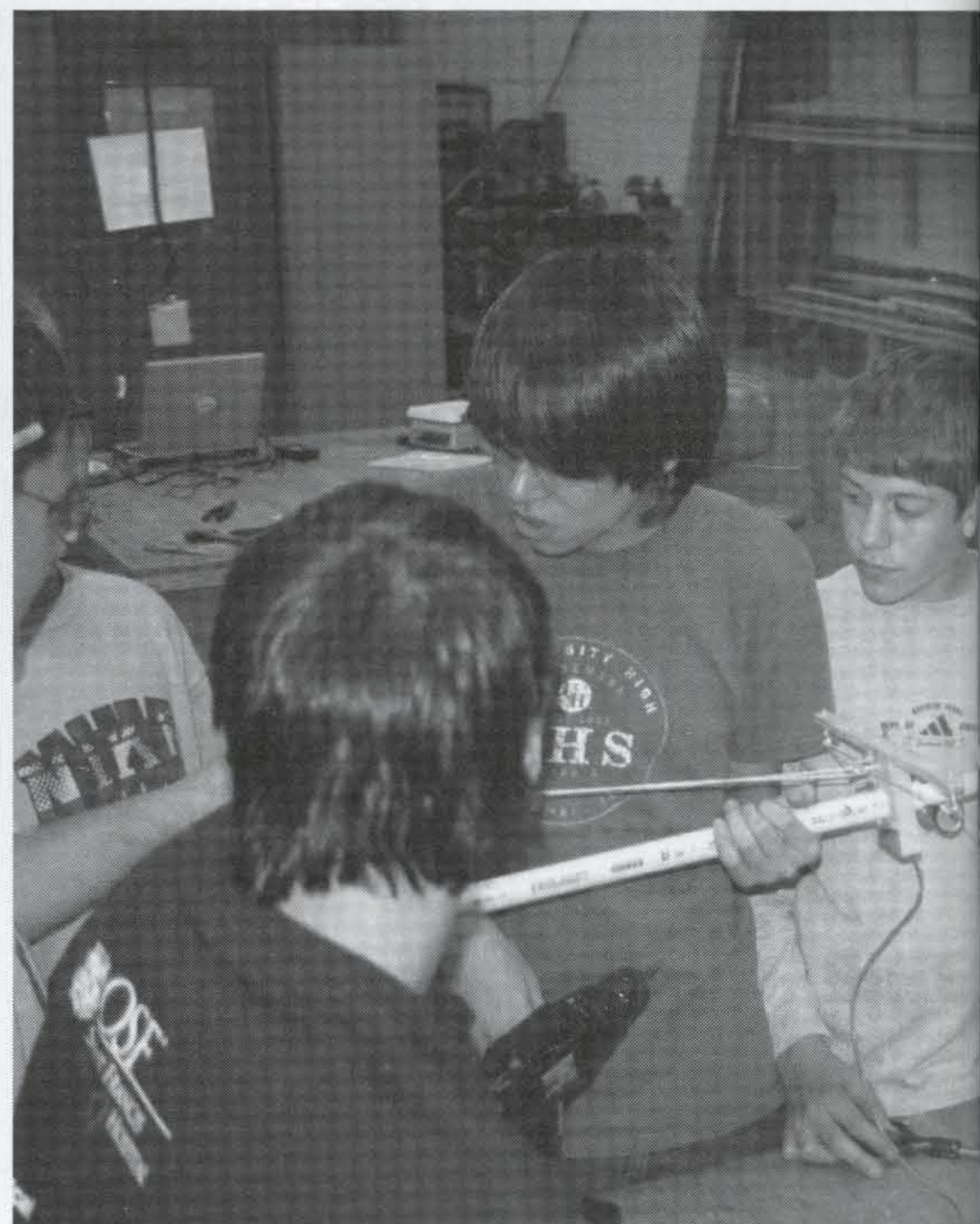
12.13.04

Senior Aaron Gross, sophomore Brandon Hahn, freshman Jason Gendron, and sophomore Justin Tanaka (above) work on the robot. "We were talking about counter weight for the robot's arm. As the arm extends outward, you have to counter weight it so it doesn't fall over," Gross said. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



12.13.04

Freshman Dan Eggena and sophomore Seth Davis (above) work together on the robotics team. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [12.13.04] While working on the robot, sophomore Justin Tanaka and Brandon Hahn (right) lend a helping hand. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



Blood, Sweat and Gears

The robotics team had the chance to go to nationals, but turned from it with heads held high

By Jimmy Collins

The Robotics team motto is, "Blood, Sweat, and Gears," but to the members of the team it is more than just a phrase that sounds good. It describes the long hours of hard work and the determination they put into designing a robot in six weeks.

The U-High Robotics Team is a very strong team made up of some of the best and brightest technology students that our school has to offer.

The team had six weeks and limited supplies to build a robot that could move three and a half inch plastic balls from a large main area into smaller scoring bins.

The team is comprised of a majority of underclassmen. They were a young team, but despite their age and experience level, they did very well this year.

"We lost some of our team leaders from last year who graduated, but a lot of new team members and younger guys stepped up and filled the spots," Coach Cory Culbertson said.

The team had some great leadership from seniors Aaron Gross and Josh Heimerdinger.

"As one of the few seniors on the team, I really tried to step up and be a leader for the younger guys. I wanted to set a good example for them," Heimerdinger said.

The team held tryouts for the students who were interested in controlling or driving the robot. The drivers were Matt Miller, Weikang Sun, David Gross, Seth Davis, Jesse Nguyen and Justin Tanaka.

The team competed in the state competition in Chicago. They got sixth place out of 26 teams. Their placing at state qualified them to go to the Eastern National competition in Auburn. However, they were not allowed to go.

Because the team did not place in the top three at state, the faculty and the administration decided that the team would not go on to compete in the national level competition.

"It was a joint decision between the faculty and the administration to have the team not go to nationals," Culbertson said.

The main reason for the team not going was because of their sixth place finish at state, but the cost of the trip also played a factor. It would have cost at least \$7,000 for the team to compete in the national competition.

Despite setbacks, the U-High Robotics Team had a very successful year. They competed with the states' best teams and came out with a sixth place finish. Even though the team was unable to take the trip to nationals, each member was satisfied and proud of their season.



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Freshman Jesse Nguyen and sophomore Seth Davis (above) work on the intricate detail of this year's robot. Photograph by Allie Jocson.

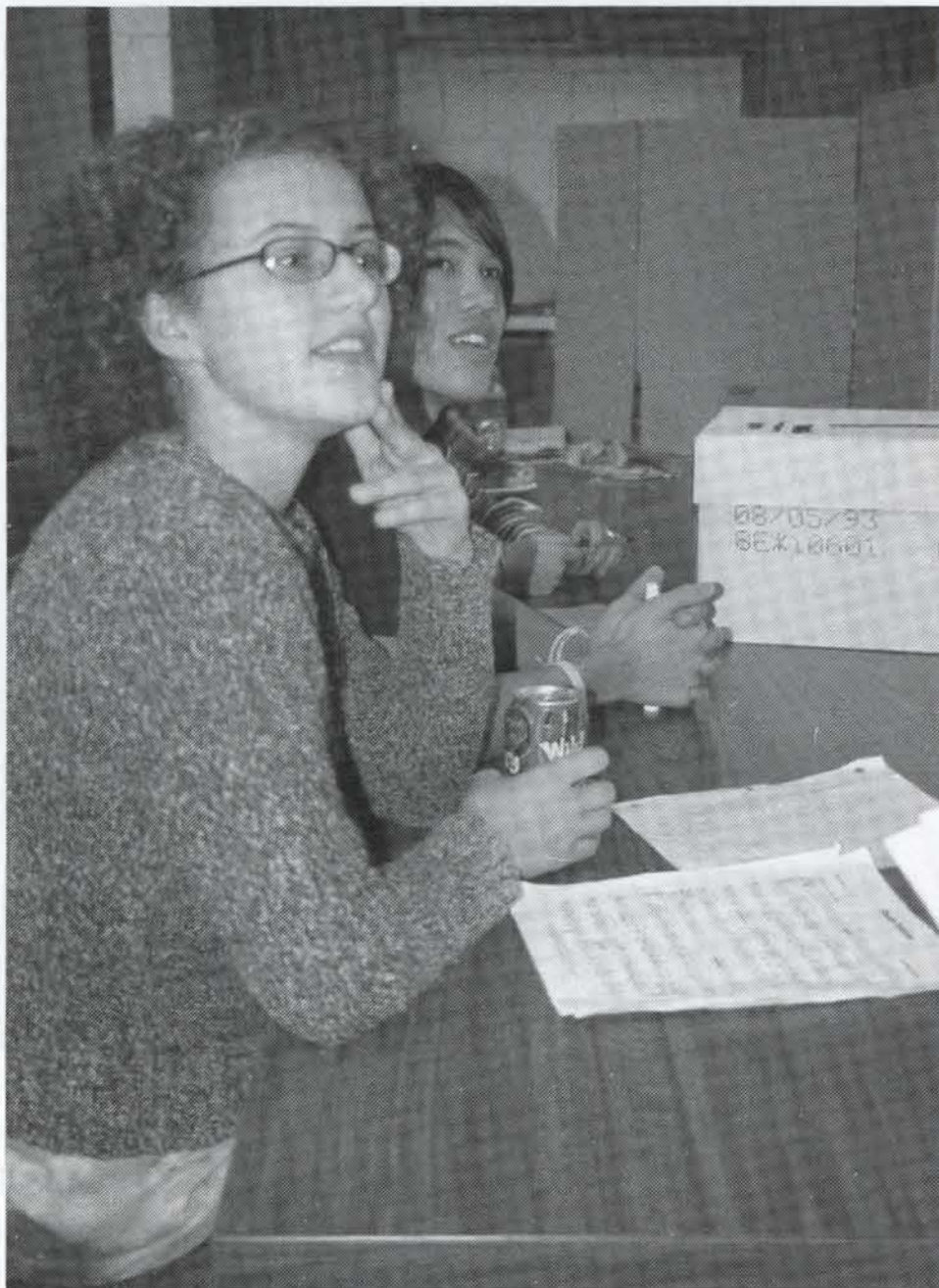
Got Freedom?

President George W. Bush won over the nation but not the students of U-High

By: Chelcei Fisher

Turning eighteen this fall held special meaning for many seniors as they were given their first opportunity to voice their opinion in a national election.

"Getting to vote was really important to me. People say your vote doesn't count, but if we don't vote, the Electoral College wouldn't know who to give their votes to," senior Abby Meismer said. "Since a majority of Chicago is Democratic, I think central Illinois could really help the Republican cause here in Illinois."



11.2.04
Senior Stephanie Donnan and Jason Nguyen help run U-High's mock election where Presidential candidate John Kerry won the popular vote. Photograph by Allie Jocson.

This year's election had the highest voter turnout since the Nixon-Kennedy election in 1968. A little fewer than sixty percent of people voted and voters were in line well before the polls opened. Some even were in line hours after the 7 p.m. closing deadline, just to make sure get their votes were cast.

One of the main reasons some many people voted this year was because many had strong emotional ties to controversial issues like the war in Iraq, abortion, and gay rights.

For Meismer, character was a major factor in her decision to vote Republican. "I want a president with very strong morals. Our country was founded on the phrase 'In God We Trust'. I don't want a president that doesn't let his morals shine through," she said.

For those who wanted to voice their opinion during the week of elections, but found themselves too young to cast a ballot, there were alternatives. Senior Alyssa Huff helped organize a civil discourse in the lounge where students were allowed to answer questions about election issues such as character, educa-

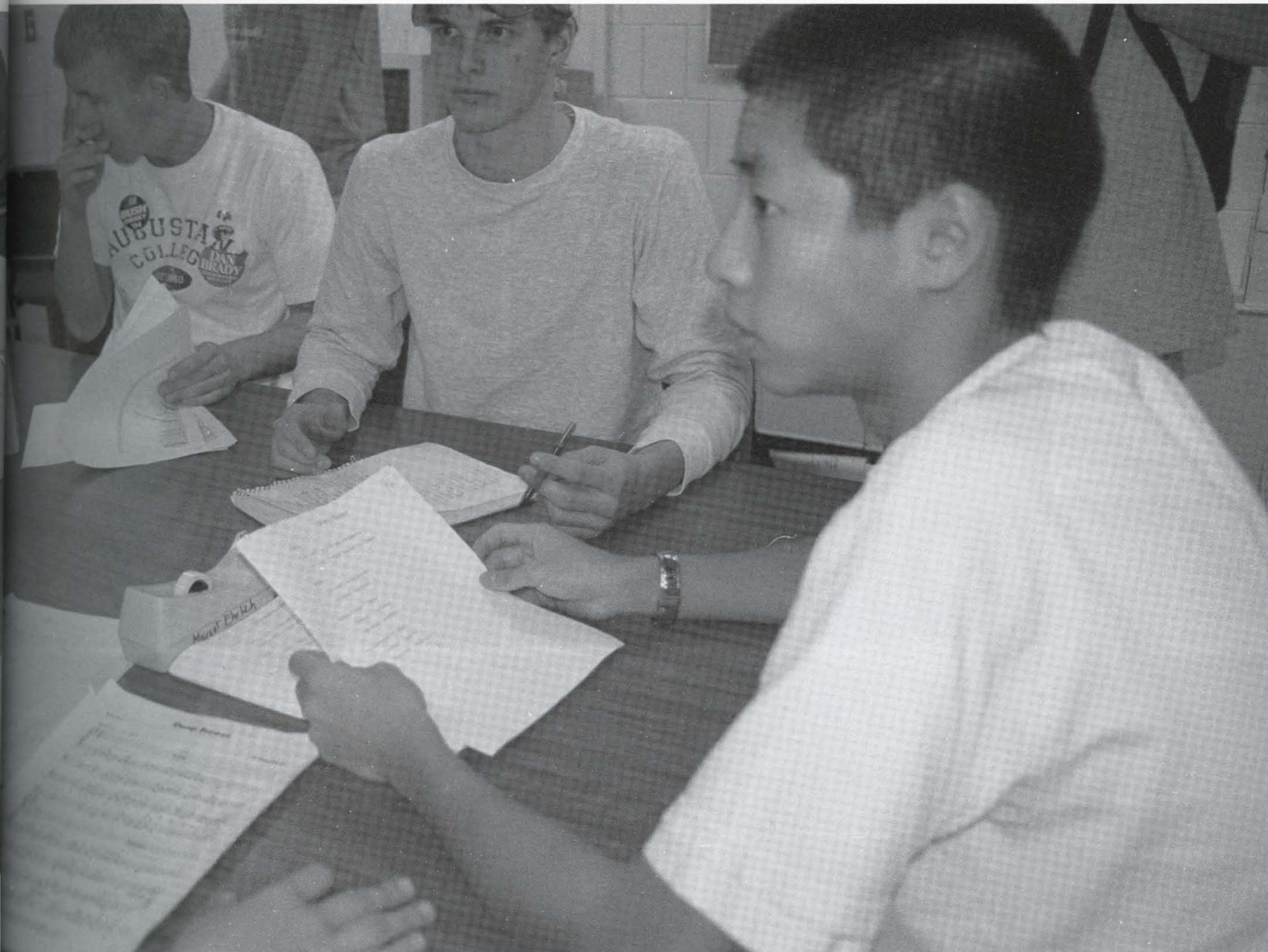
tion, and the war in Iraq.

"We really just wanted to encourage students to become politically active and involved," Huff said. "U-High students could participate in a civil discussion on politics and inform their fellow students."

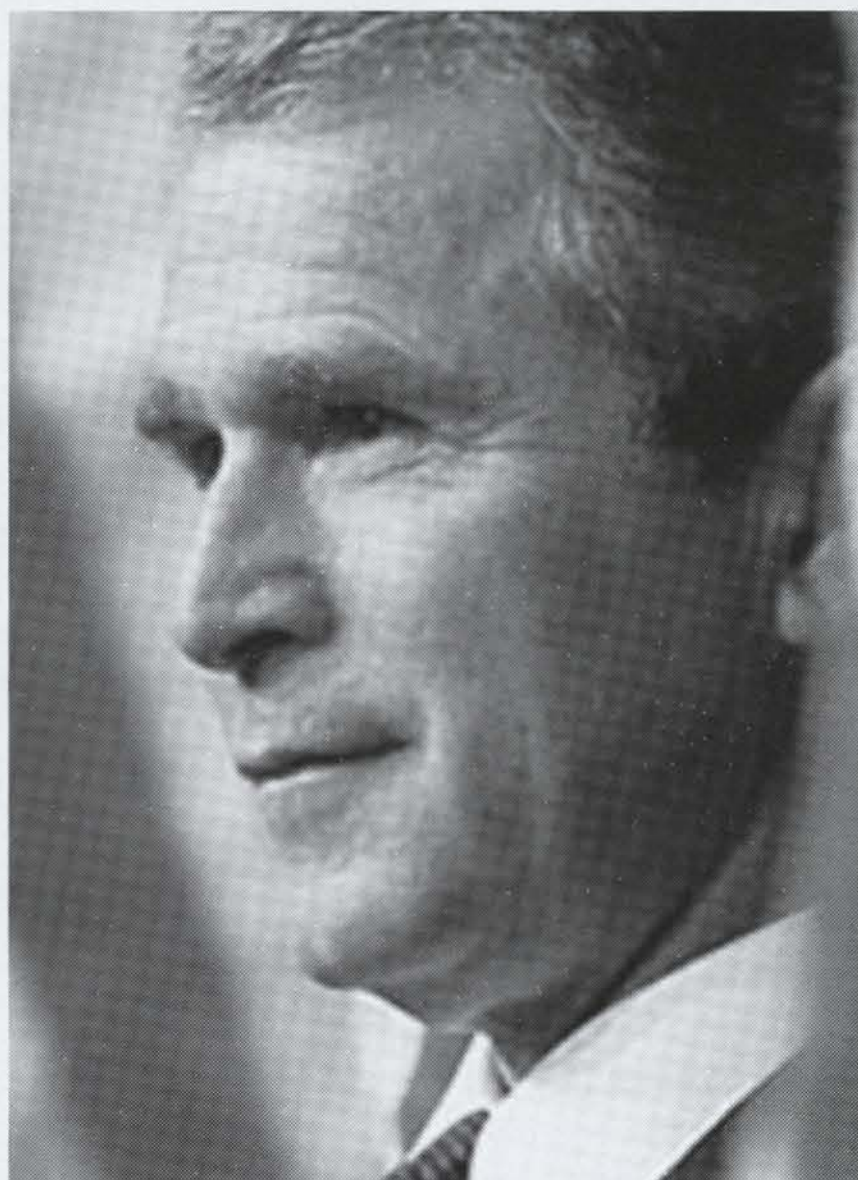
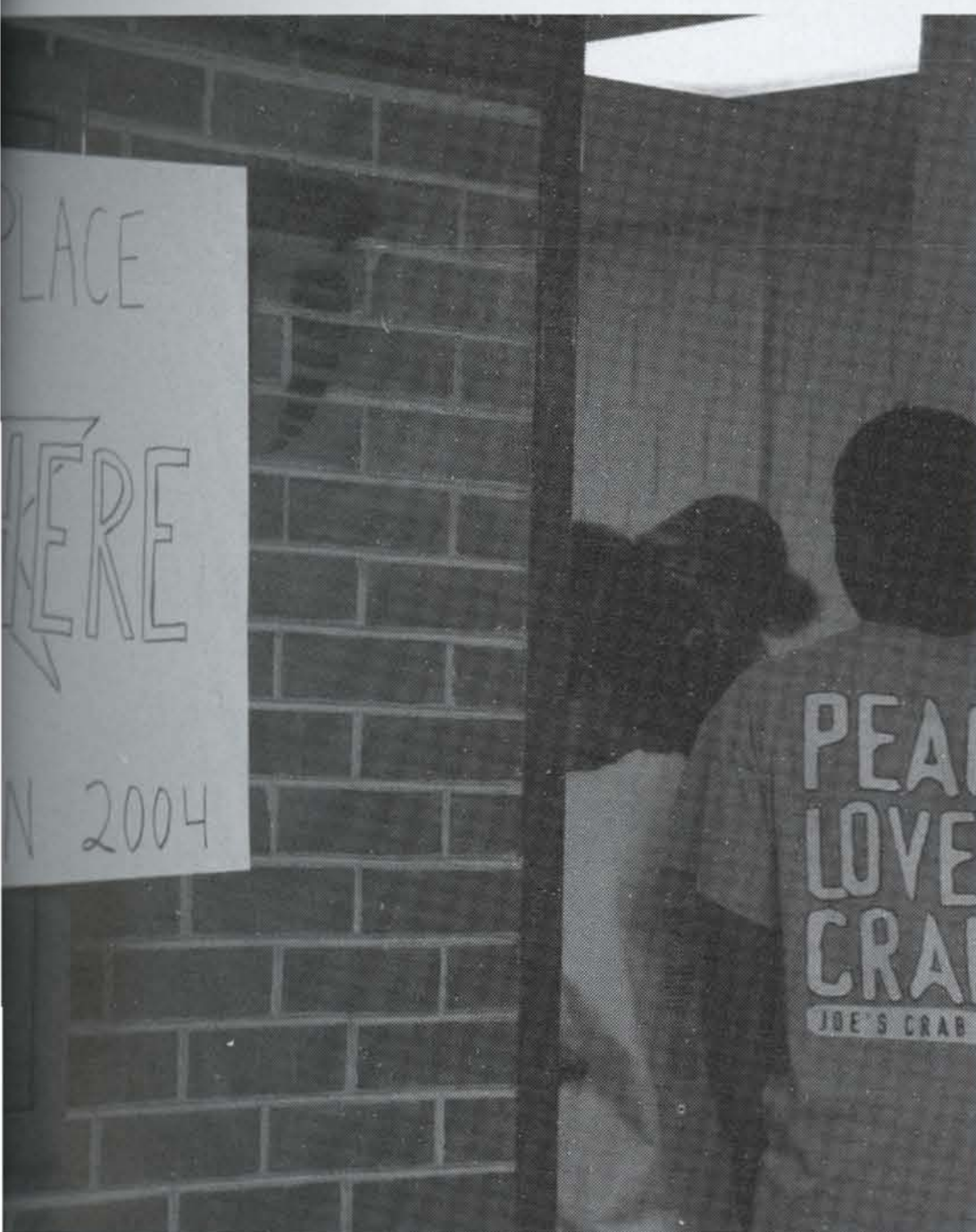
Another alternative for students to voice their opinion as a mock election organized by the history club, which, like local polling places, became crowded during the day. The U-High election turned out much as Illinois did, with a vast majority of the school voting for presidential candidate John Kerry.

Despite the results from the mock election, President George W. Bush was re-elected for the next four years. He is the first president in many years to win the popular vote as well as the electoral vote.





11.2.04
Seniors Matthew Lehner, Phil Slama, and Jon Ken (above) discuss the national election while they help run the mock election. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [11.2.04] President George W. Bush (left) was re-elected by popular and electoral votes for his second and final term as president of the United States of America.



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A sign (left) advertises the U-High mock election which was held in the lounge. Photograph by Allie Jocson.

11.6.04

Seniors Jon Ken and Sarah Hall (right) quickly get to work before volunteering at many other homes in the Bloomington-Normal area. Photograph by Allie Jocson.




11.6.04

A group of Key Club members (right) take a break from the rough work and enjoy the autumn fun.

"It was fun to be outside while helping out the community," senior Jordan VanLoon said. Photograph by Allie Jocson[11.6.04] Senior Jon Ken and Jacob Gendron (below) use tarps to drag the leaves to the front of the house. Photograph by Allie Jocson.





One Leaf at a Time

A fall tradition gives Key Club members something to be proud of

By Drew Daudelin

The sun is shining with just the right intensity, there's a slight breeze in the air, and the sight of thousands of colored leaves falling onto the moist ground is a welcoming sight after a long hot summer. Many kids are out with their friends, taking a walk, or just lying around at home while one group of students chooses to spend their fall afternoon helping other people do what no one likes about fall: raking leaves.

Every year Key Club focuses on how they can help out the community in as many ways as possible. One activity that has been around for years is leaf raking and this year had one of the biggest turnouts in a long time.

"It's really nice to help people with stuff like this, it makes you feel good that your helping out," junior Alayna Gallagher said.

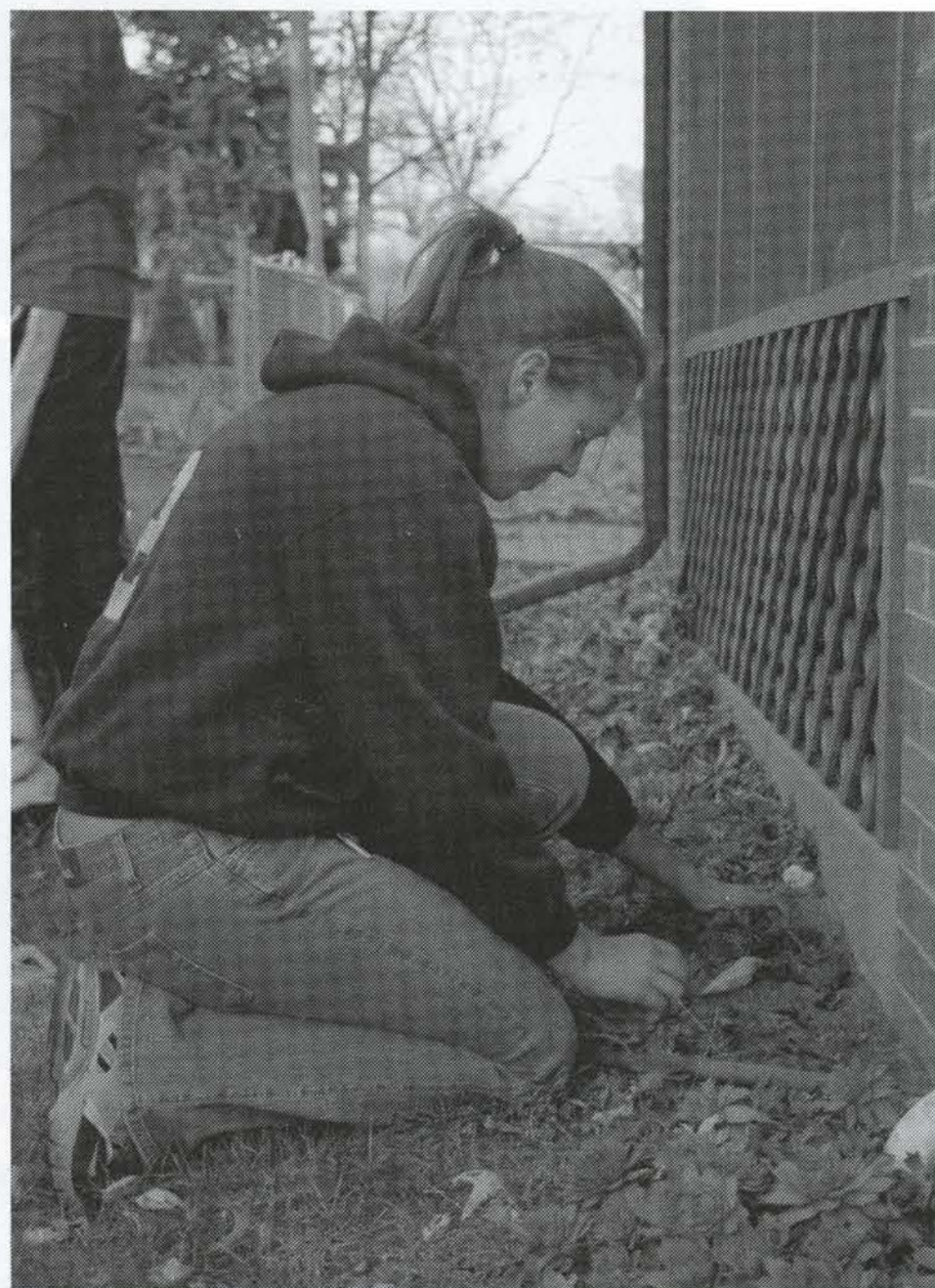
This helpful group of students represents the essence of Key Club and shows what it's all about. It's about helping in any way possible, and it shows that even if you don't have thousands of dollars to spend, you can still make a difference.

"Every year I do it. It always gets better because more people help," junior Ashton Hitchcock said. "It makes you feel all warm and tingly inside."

Leaf raking is not all fun and games. It is not always an easy task to do.

"Sometimes we raked up dog poop with the leaves, but it was okay because we were helping people," junior Nani Bhat said. "It was a blast, especially to know that you were really helping."

Simple tasks, such as raking leaves, is what Key Club focuses on. Spending a warm autumn day helping the community is just one example of how these students contribute. With more and more students becoming involved, Key Club will continue to be a strong volunteer club for the public.



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Junior Ashton Hitchcock (above) helps collect trash from the side of a Bloomington-Normal resident's home. Photograph by Allie Jocson.

Running As a Pack

Without a standout, the boys cross country team came together and ran their way to state

By: Kevin O'Malley

In the last decade the U-High boys cross country team has been a fixture at state, making it nine of the last ten years and winning it in 1993 and 1994. It was no surprise then, when U-High's newest batch of distance runners once again ran with the elite; however, U-High's 2004 team is unique from its predecessors. With past teams focusing on an individual superstar runner, it was different this year.

"In the past years we've had kids that have stuck out individually. This year we had seven to eight kids who were capable of running right together and in cross country that's really something special," coach Lester Hampton said. "We didn't have any superstars; we had an actual team."

The U-High runners ran together as a pack, with five runners finishing only twenty-eight seconds apart. They also exceeded expectations by placing 8th in state when many didn't even think they would return to the coveted state finals.

"This season our team wasn't expected to be very good because we didn't have the all-state caliber runners that we've had in the past. So qualifying for state was really gratifying since at the beginning of the season our team was an unknown," senior Jordan Busse said.

Seniors quickly filled the leadership roles left by the dominate seniors of 2003. So many senior leaders emerged that Hampton chose to name four team captains, something that's never happened in U-High's cross country history.

"We lost three great seniors last year and we really weren't sure what we were going to amount to this year. Four seniors stepped it up, ran together all season and accomplished some really good things this season," Hampton said.

The seniors weren't the only important part of the team, the underclassmen also contributed immensely to their success.

"Our number one runner this year was Derek Haas, a sophomore," senior Mike Erdman said. "He shaved off a lot of points from our team total at every meet. We also had two freshmen, Taiyo Wilson and Kevin Forde, who came out of nowhere to fill gaps in our top seven. It was a pleasant surprise to see how well they ran."

The balance of strong senior leaders and fast underclassmen made 2004 a successful year for U-High boys cross country. Their ability to mesh as a team helped them finish in the top nine for the fifth straight year.

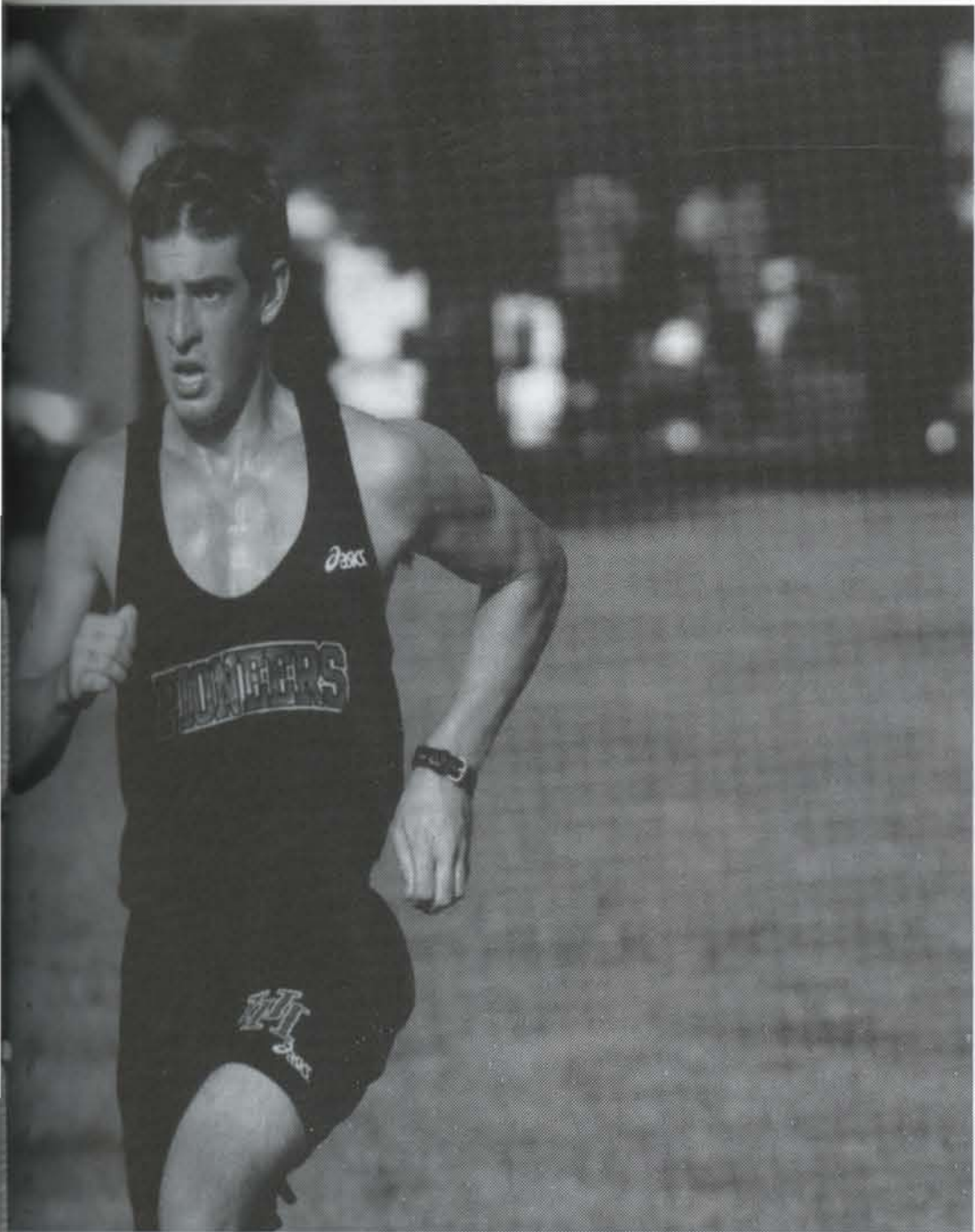
"We felt going in that we could finish anywhere between fifth and tenth and ended up right in the middle of what we hoped for. I felt we ran strong and am pleased with our performance," Hampton said.



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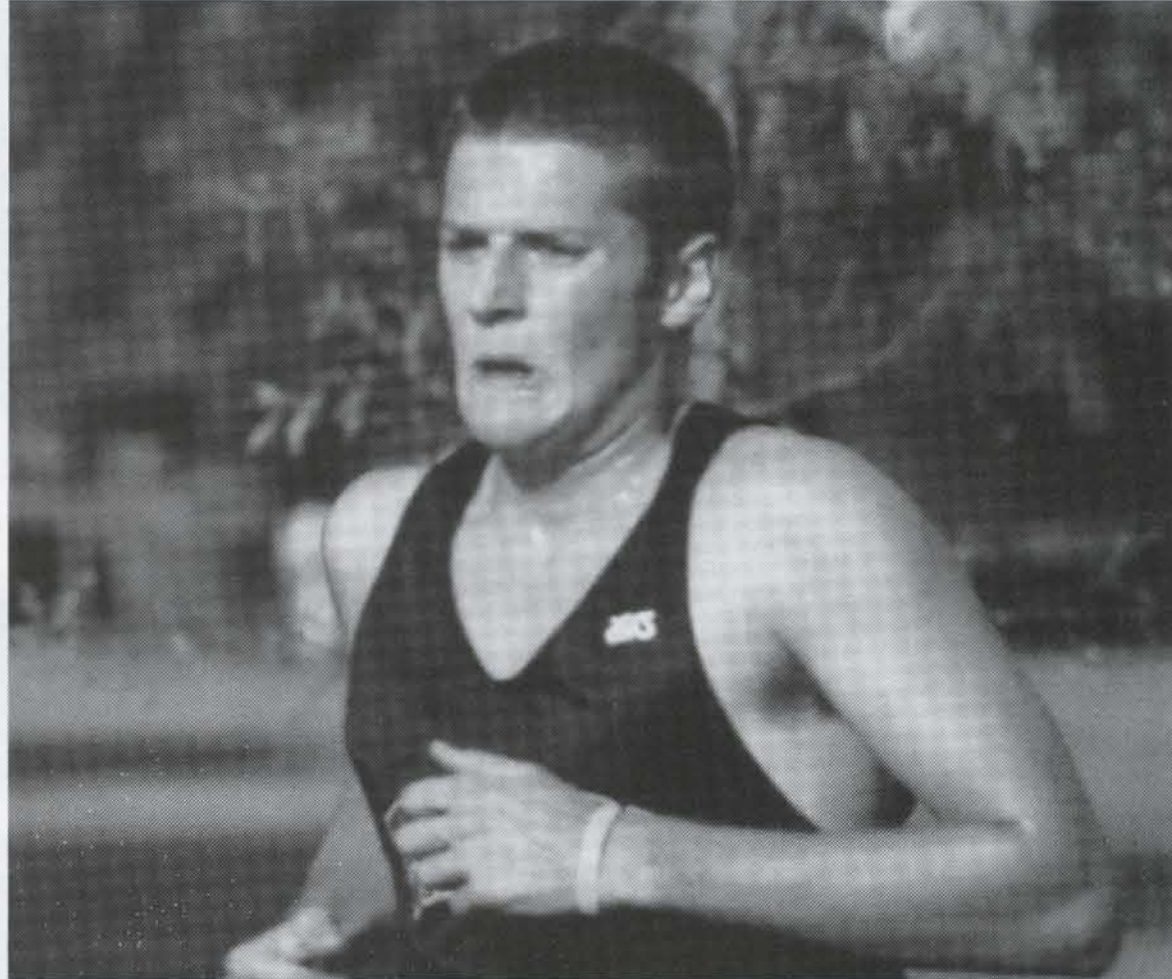
Kyle Steinbrueck (left), Jordan Busse (center) and Taiyo Wilson (right) run with each other and competitors during a meet. Photograph by Allie Jocson.





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Senior Michael Erdman (right) runs towards the finish line while running at Maxwell. "I was really tired, but saw the finish line so I sped up to get to the finish line," Erdman said. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [8.31.04] Senior Ben Reeser (below) shows his aggravation during a cross country meet. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



8.31.04

With intercity being one of the most important races, senior Collin Reeser (below) kicks it into high gear. "This was intercity. There was a Normal Community runner right behind me, so I was sprinting to finish," Reeser said. Photograph by Mallory McCoy.





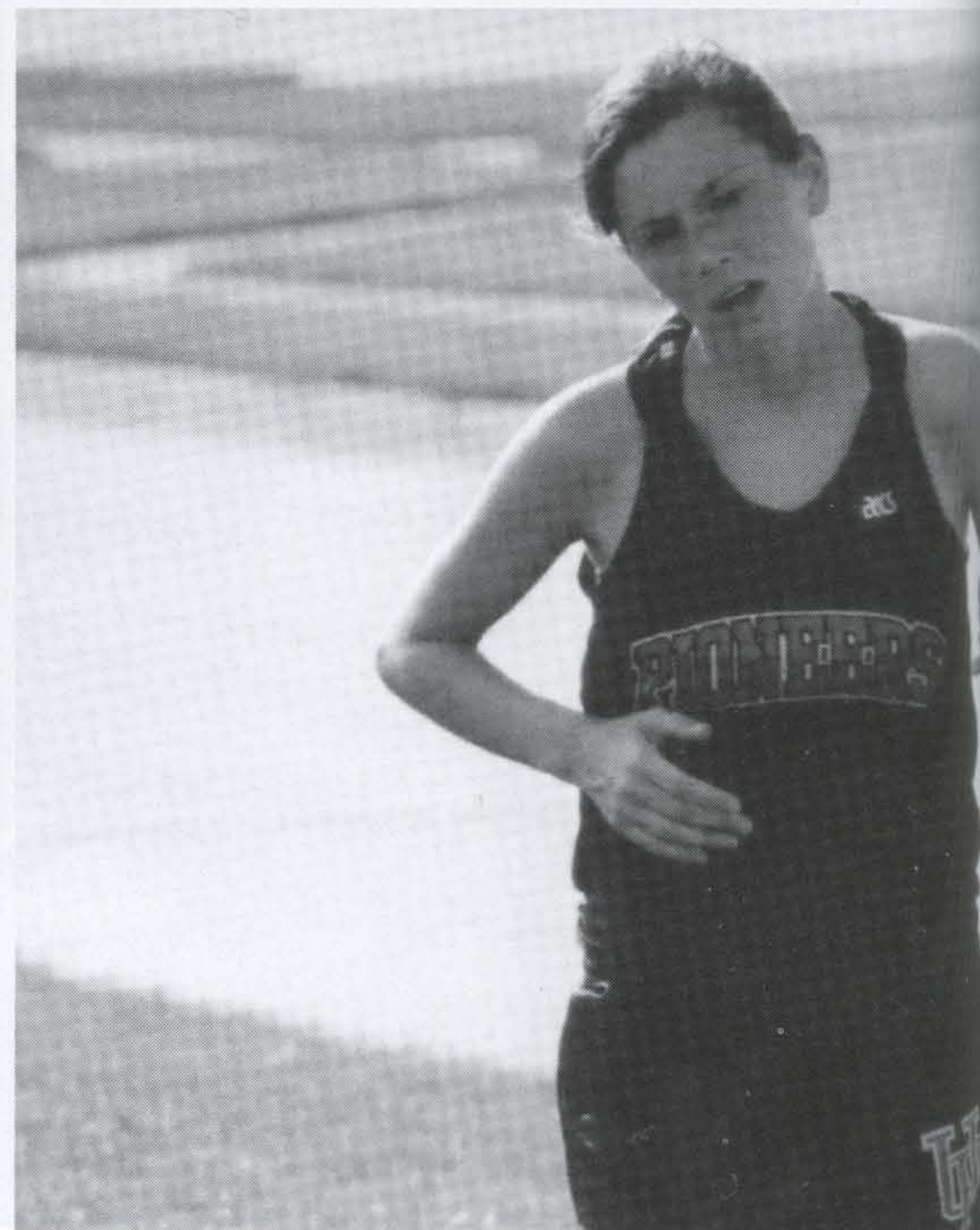
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Focusing on her task ahead, junior Jennifer Witte (above) runs strong. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



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Freshman Linsay Clements (above) runs in front of an opponent during a meet. Photograph by Katie Payne. [8.31.04] During a cross country meet senior Meredith Skaggs (right) gives her all. Photograph by Katie Payne.



More Than Physical

Mental preparation played a big part of the girls cross country success

By Meaghan Schiller

For the U-High girls cross country team, running a three mile race not only takes hours of physical preparation everyday, but mental preparation as well. This year, the team concentrated equally on both of these aspects of a race. Visualization and pep talks were just as important as stretching and running miles.

"In a meet like state, the mental preparation is equally as important as the physical. It is easy to get psyched out racing against girls of that speed," senior Abby Meisner said.

Both approaches to training paid off when the unranked Pioneers placed seventh overall in state, earning 218 points as a team.

State champions Petersburg Porta won with 136 points in a sport where a maximum of seven runners compete, and the first five finishing runners from a school count in team scoring.

The state meet took place at Peoria's Detweiller Park for the 35th consecutive year. By running the course two times during the season, the girls were able to visualize the race before state.

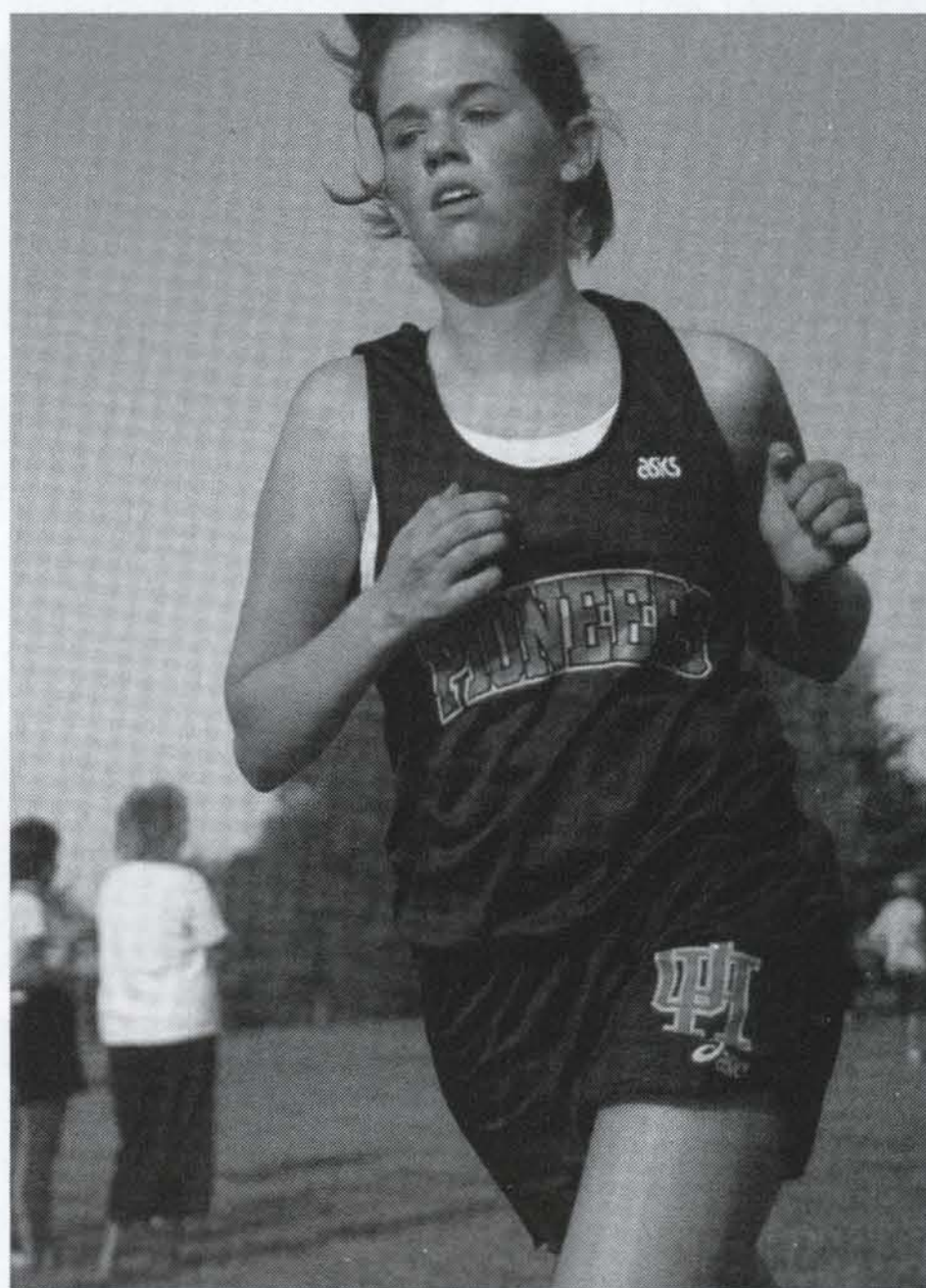
"When we run the race at state, we have visualized it so many times that we are supposed to get the time we have been visualizing," Meisner said.

In Coach Lester Hampton's 17th year coaching, this was his squad's seventh top ten finish.

Senior Bekah Clay paced the team at state with an All-State 16th place finish.

Freshman Kate Tannura, who finished 25th overall in the last All-State position, placed 6th among freshman. Tannura said she is already looking ahead to next year.

This year marked the second time the U-High squad has qualified two runners for All-State.



8.31.04

Junior Kim Kelly looks weary as she ends a race. Photograph by Mallory McCoy.

Practice Makes Perfect

New tactics strengthened the team and proved every doubter wrong

By Sarah Charles

To the U-High volleyball team, beating Rantoul was more than just winning another match. The Rantoul volleyball team brought a bus load of student fans with tee shirts reading "Conference Champs." This gave the U-High volleyball team extra incentive to come out with a victory.

So while Rantoul had tee shirts stating they were conference champs, the Pioneers went on to win the Cornbelt Conference Title.

"Rantoul came out thinking that they were going to beat us, even though we crushed their hopes for an undefeated season earlier in the year," junior Kelsey Swango said.

Beating Rantoul was not the only reason the girls were successful this year. They owe some of their success to their new practice routines.

Varsity volleyball coach, Cathy Sanders, decided to change this year. She said she had some spots to fill and the only way to get them filled was working together in practice.

Sanders tried to make practices a lot more team oriented than past years. She incorporated more scrimmages and team drills. There were also more consequences if the team didn't succeed as a whole.

"The coaching style was different this year. I think it worked better and brought the team together more than previous years," senior Marlee Cooper said.

These changes obviously worked and the team made it to Super Sectionals, the furthest

they have made it in the past four years. Their season ended at Super Sectionals with an unfortunate loss to Hartsburg-Emden.

The girls knew that many people were skeptical of their team this year. They also knew the kind of talent they had and they were waiting to show everyone.

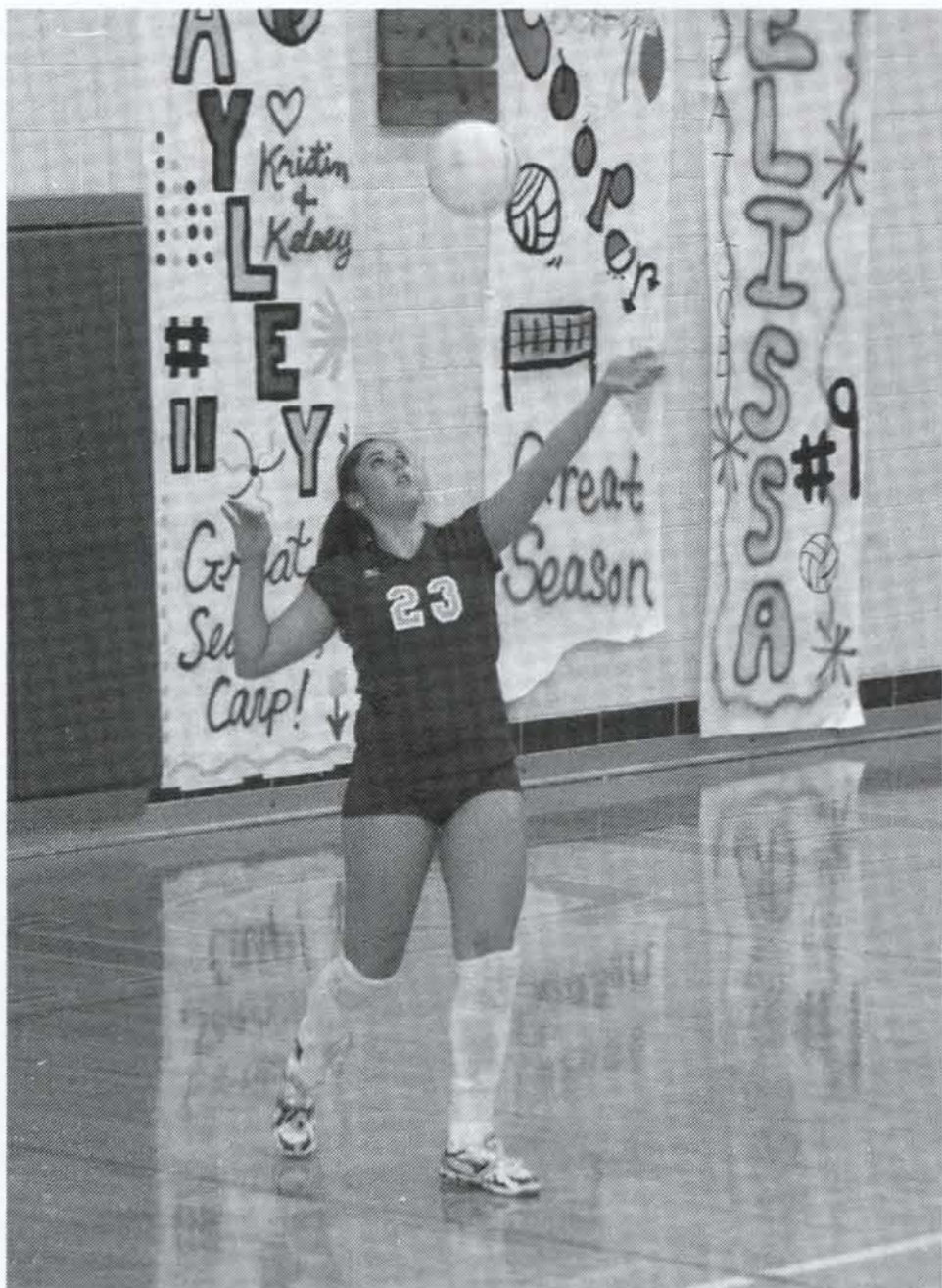
"From the beginning of the season everyone was excited to play and we all wanted to do our best. We had the desire and the skill to make it as far as we did," senior co-captain Melissa Martin said.

Their defense is what pulled the Pioneers through this year. The defensive specialists Kelsey Swango, Amanda French, Nina Chiodo and Chelsea Troll had a lot to do with it.

"If the back row wasn't there to dig the ball up, I would never be able to set the hitters up to put the ball down," junior co-captain Regina Feagin said.

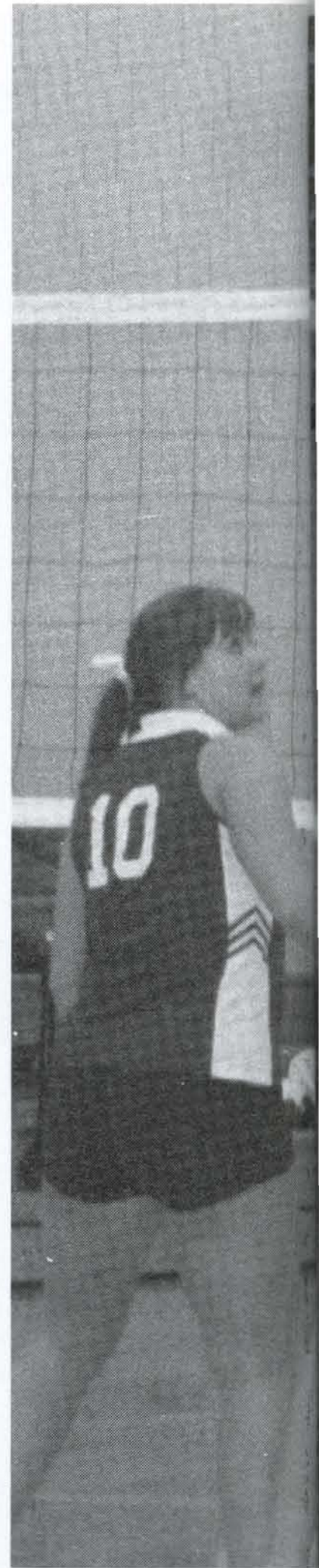
The front row also did their part too with their ability to block the ball and amazing arm strength. The defense moved quicker than ever and the hitters arm swing speed undoubtedly increased, leaving the opponent hopeless.

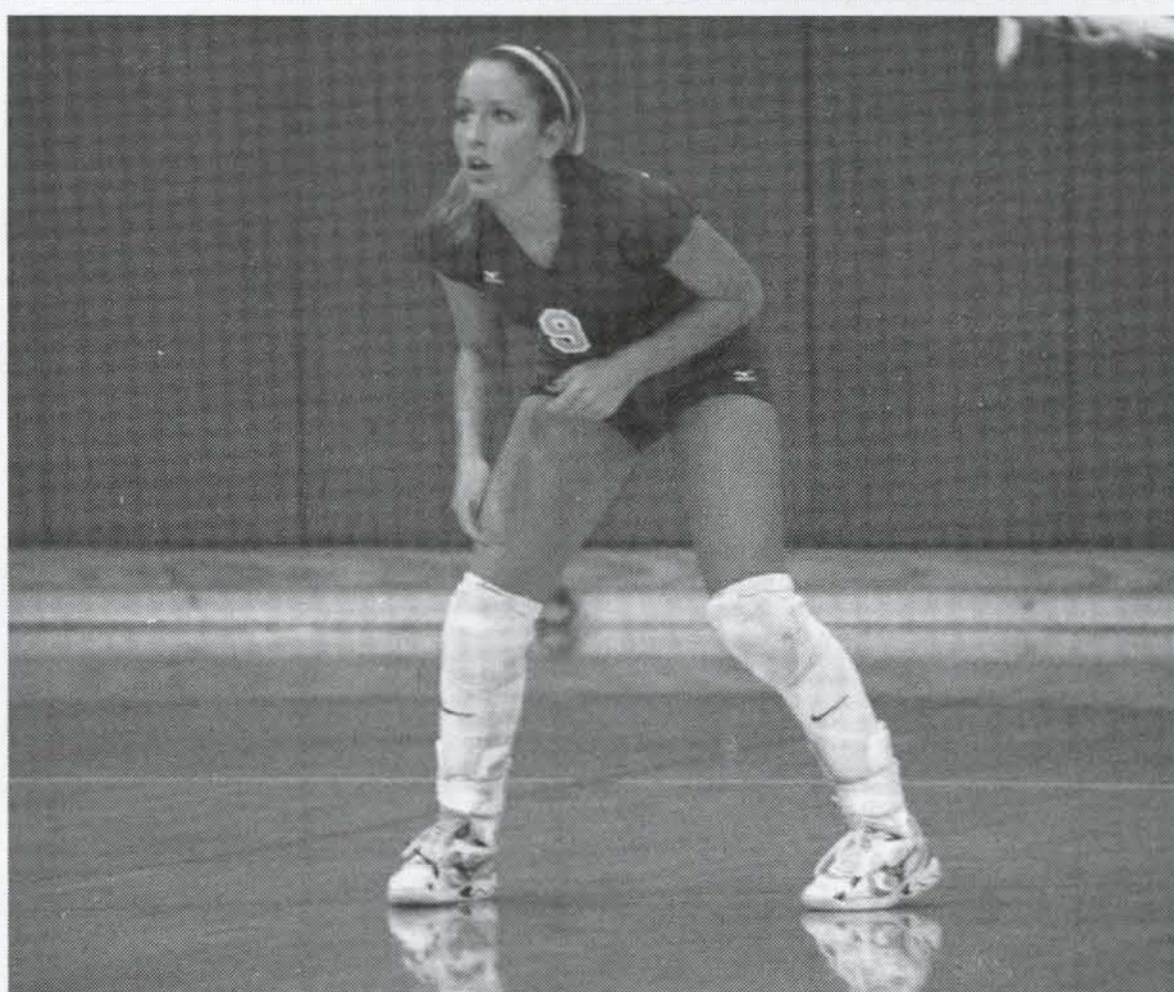
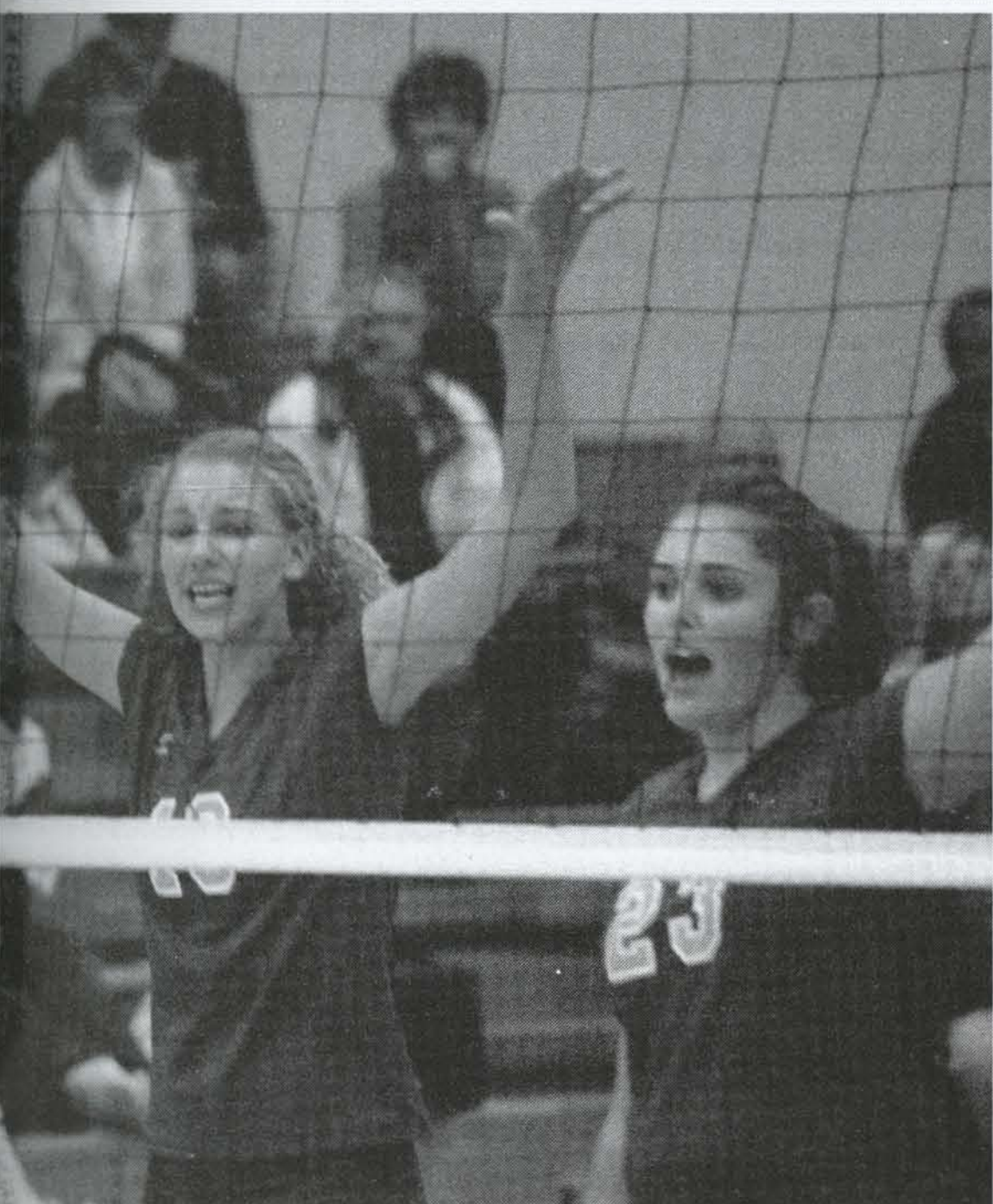
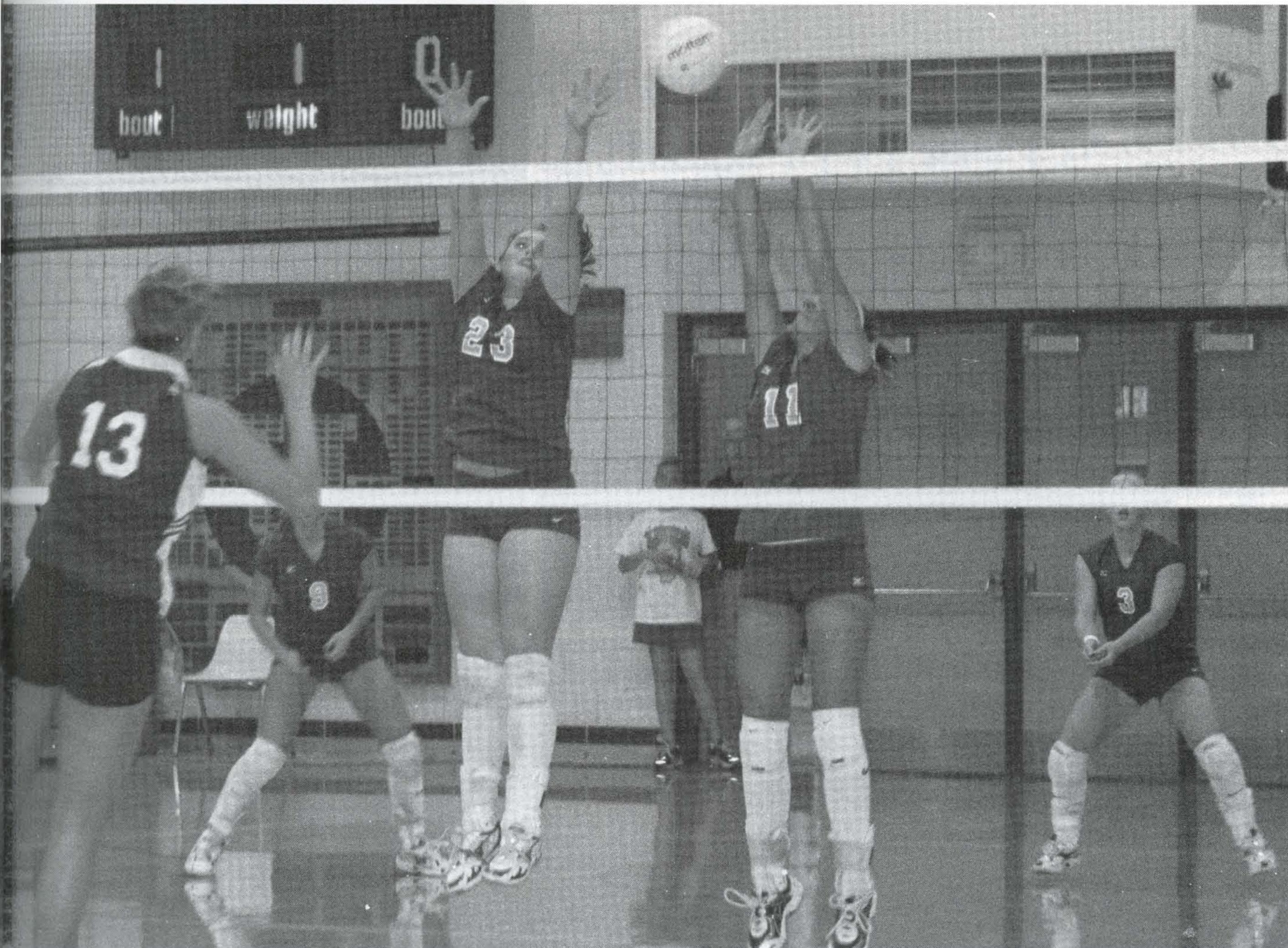
"When Marlee (Cooper) got hot she was unstoppable, she kept the defense on their toes," Sanders said. With a Conference record of 11-2, the girls proved Rantoul fans and any other doubters wrong.



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Senior Marlee Cooper serves one last time during her last game as a Pioneer. "Senior Night was fun, but it was sad knowing this was my last serve and game at U-High," Cooper said. Photograph by Allie Jocson.





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Marlee Cooper and Hayley Carpenter (above) jump for a block. "Blocking was a strong aspect of our game this season. We were able to keep up great defense," Cooper said. Photograph by Allie Jocson.

10.21.04
Melissa Martin (above) waits to return a serve. Photograph by Allie Jocson. **[10.21.04]** Sophomore Kyndell Highland and Marlee Cooper (left) communicate with each other and the rest of their teammates before a serve. Photograph by Allie Jocson.

10.21.04

Junior Katie DeGraff (right) was a strong force in this years swim team.
Photograph by Erica Rohren.



10.21.04

Making her way down the lane is senior Jill Stralow (right). Photograph by Erica Rohren. [10.21.04] Freshman Lauel Benson (below) swims free-style down the lane. Photograph by Erica Rohren



New Kid on the Block

Freshman Emily Caldwell set the pace
for the U-High girls swim team

By: Chelcei Fischer

Freshman Emily Caldwell knew that she would be a varsity level competitor. After swimming all her life, she had a good idea of what varsity swimming was and knew she could make the cut.

For the Caldwells, swimming seems to run in the family. Emily's older sister, Brittney, was a member of the swim team while she was at U-High. Swimming has been a part of Emily's life for a very long time.

"I started swimming when I was three years old. I didn't start swimming year round till I was nine," Caldwell said.

Caldwell had an outstanding freshman season, and helped the swim team greatly. She lead the team to the 11th Intercity title in 12 years with a first place finish in the 500 freestyle and a second place finish in the 200 freestyle. She was on the winning 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams as well.

"I knew I could be an asset to the team because of my year round experience. I was glad I could help the team and have a lot of fun doing it," she said.

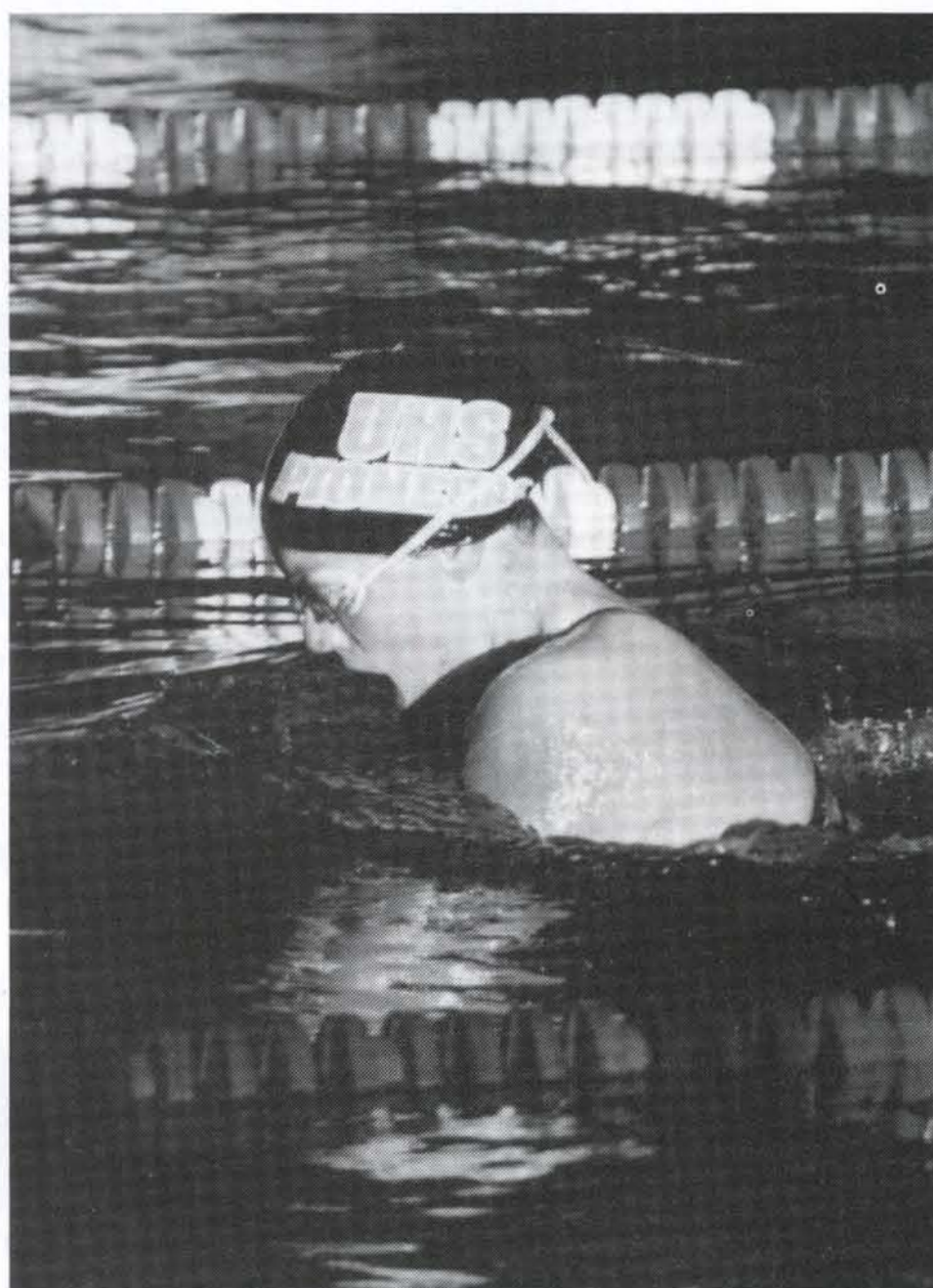
With Caldwell's help, the team had an exceptional season. They swept Intercity, the U-High invitational, won regionals and placed third at sectionals.

Their most outstanding meet was the U-High invitational, where numerous records were broken. The 200 medley team that consisted of Bobbie Braun, Laurel Benson, Caldwell and Katie DeGraaf placed first in record time. The 400 relay team won with record time as well. Caldwell set new records in the 50, 100, and 500 freestyles. Stephanie Jiles set a personal record and won the 200 freestyle. To top off the meet, the 200 freestyle team also won and brought home a new record.

Caldwell wasn't the only stand-out member of this year's team. Senior Meaghan Schiller excelled for the little time she was able to compete this year by helping the 200 freestyle team take home a first place at the intercity swim meet. Shortly after, a shoulder injury sidelined her for the rest of the season.

Caldwell and DeGraaf qualified to swim at state. Caldwell finished well under the qualifying times for the 200 and 500 freestyle. Katie DeGraaf qualified in the 500. Both made appearances in the preliminaries and represented U-High exceptionally well.

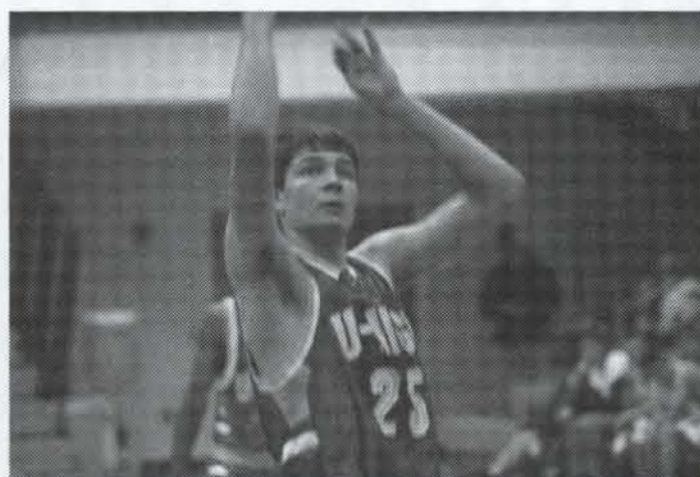
"I knew I would be a state qualifier. After having swam for so long, and having a sister that swam in high school, I was aware of the state qualifying times. I was really glad to be a part of the team and do my share to help them be successful," Caldwell said.



10.21.04

Sophomore Lauren Januzik (above) lifts her head above water for a breath of air. Photograph by Katie Payne.





Every Winter

It's a common fact that time flies by. By the winter season, everyone seemed to notice. As each U-High student stopped to comprehend how fast life was moving, the clock kept on ticking.

Each U-High student seemed to mutter daily, "I wish I had one more hour in the day. Then I would get everything done." It's comical to think that 1995 was ten years ago or that most everyone in high school was born in the 80's.

Late passes were used less often. Wrestlers were counting down the minutes until they could finally eat while basketball players and swimmers were each competing with time. Seniors started to think about how many months they had left while managing their college application deadlines.

Students invested many hours after realizing that finals were fast approaching and the much needed Winter Break gave them time to unwind and relax.

While some were awaiting spring break, many suddenly realized that they needed to hold on to every moment. [By Allie Jocson. Photographs by Allie Jocson, Katie Payne, and Erica Rohren.]

when it comes down to it originality wins

By Meaghan Schiller and Lisa English

The U-High Talent Show was a chance for students who don't excel on the basketball court or soccer field to show their teachers and peers their gifts.

Thirteen acts graced the stage in Stroud Auditorium, with over 30 people involved. Judges were Dr. Candace Swift, teacher Brian Conant, and senior Jake Weis. Will Irvin was the master of ceremonies.

Seniors Keely Scott and Evan Savage won the show with guitar and vocals to an original song called "Just Breathe." Scott and Savage were one point short of a perfect score of thirty.

For most people, when they're about to perform in front of an audience, butterflies and a pounding heart is all they can feel. For Scott and Savage, they were as excited as can be.

"It may just be a talent show, but we loved the opportunity to share and express something we love to do," says Scott.

Winning the school talent show surprised them both as they commented on how amazing everyone else did.

"There was really good competition that probably deserved the title more than us, but win-

ning is pretty encouraging," said Scott.

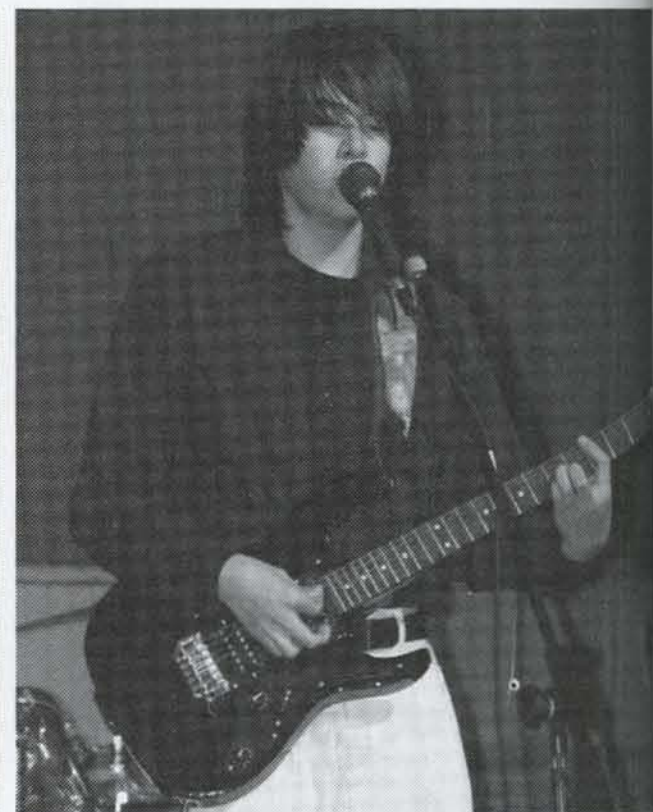
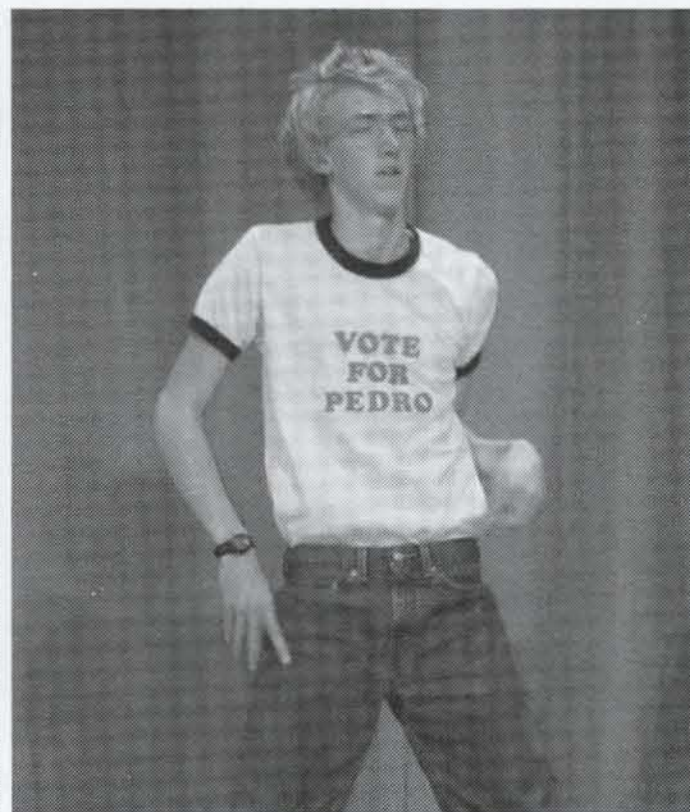
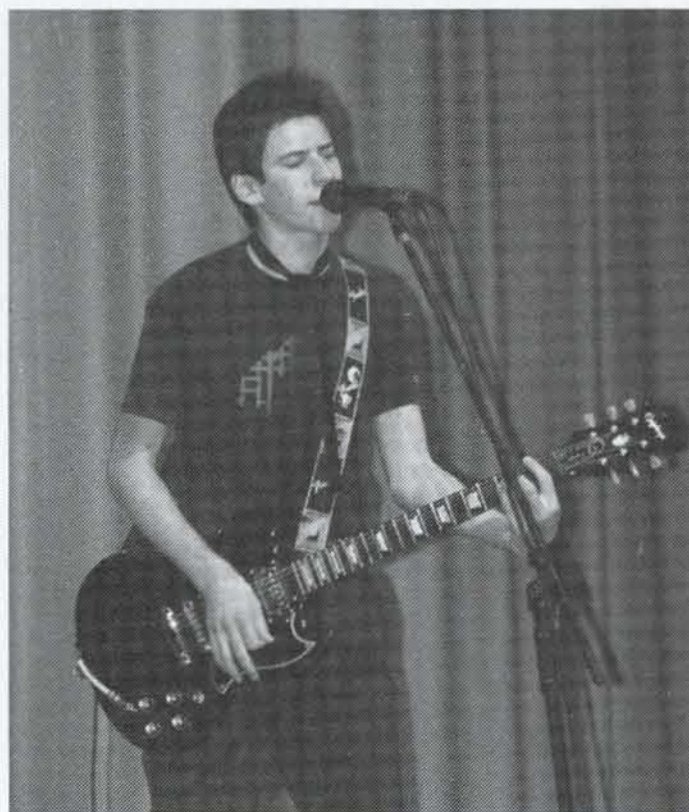
There was a three way tie for second place with Lane Miller, who sang and played an original song on the piano, Samantha Vasquez, who shared original poetry, and the band "Everyone Loves Colby Carroll," which included Chris Modos, Jason Choi, Kayla Comerford, and Jared Park, all with 28 points.

Third place went to Weikang Sun, who played a sonata on the piano.

The Judges' Choice Award went to junior Brent Anthony who duplicated Napoleon's "sweet dance moves" from the movie "Napoleon Dynamite." Anthony dressed in Napoleon's "Vote for Pedro" outfit and his infamous snow boots. Judges were booed by the crowd when they awarded him with a low score of 25.

Other participants included Rob Nash, Joe Wilkinson, Katie Campos, Mackenzie Waters, Molly Schiller, Bobbie Braun, Justin Tanaka, Melissa Shanahan, Patrick Turner, and Mike Miner.

The show raised \$500 for the Stroud Auditorium Fund and the annual U-High Talent Show was a success.



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Junior Rob Nash (above left) rocks it at the talent show. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [11.20.04] A dance from the movie "Napoleon Dynamite" was performed by junior Brent Anthony (above center). Photograph by Allie Jocson. [11.20.04] Sophomore Justin Tanaka (above right) plays guitar and sings vocals during the show. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



11.20.04

Freshman Weikang Sun (far left) performed a challenging piano piece at the talent show. Photograph by Allie Jocson. **[11.20.04]** Reciting original poetry, senior Samantha Vazquez (left) stuns the crowd with her words. Photograph by Allie Jocson. **[11.20.04]** Seniors Evan Savage and Keely Scott (below) performed their original song "Just Breathe" for the winter talent show. The two would go on to win first prize. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



11.28.04
A trio of Court Singers, Melissa Morrow, Elizabeth Alden, and Sophie Somers, (right) sing during a Madrigal performance. Photograph by Catherine Anhalt. **[11.29.04]** Junior jester Fred Geyer (far right) tries to get the audience to participate during a show. Photograph by Mallory McCoy. **[11.29.04]** Patrick Turner, Dana Harrell, Justin Tanaka and Aya Wilson (below) prove their musical talent during a show. Photograph by Mallory McCoy.



singers work together in perfect harmony

By Clare Sexton

A Madrigal Dinner is a twentieth century recreation of the Renaissance feasts held in great halls throughout England during the Christmas season.

If you lived in England during the sixteenth century, and were lucky enough to be one of the favored guests, you would be dazzled with the stunning show, raw humor, endless amounts of delicious food, and extraordinary music. This year's U-High Madrigal Dinner performances were just like being in England.

Everything is in character during the feast. All the performers are dressed in Renaissance costumes, authentic music from the period is sung, and old English is used by everyone from the servants to the king.

Some traditional Madrigal customs and music would include the Welcoming, Wassail, and Boar's Head Carol.

Senior Keely Scott, played a queen in this year's Madrigal Dinner.

"Madrigals are all about independence as

musicians and blending as a group. Not like in chorus when you fade into the crowd of voices. You really have to work for it, so you can come together with other people and know exactly where the piece is taking you," Scott said.

This year Madrigal Dinners were a mixture of wonderful period costumes, corny jokes, audience participation and voices singing a blend of songs, including Christmas classics such as "O Holy Night."

"Madrigal Dinners were an eye-opening experience for me as a musician," senior Evan Savage said.

Not only was it an eye opening experience for the musicians it was also one for the audience. When court jesters Fred Geyer and Kiri Palm got up to tell their jokes, the audience was expected to "gaw," "cackle" or "twitter" to tell the jesters what they thought of their jokes.

The 2004 U-High Madrigal Dinner pulled you into a fairy-tale world of music and magic. The show left the audience with a little extra Christmas spirit.



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Senior Megan Sage (above left) plays the part of damsel in distress. Photograph by Mallory McCoy. [11.29.04] With her hands in the air and tongue out, junior Kiri Palm (above center) acts her part as a jester. Photograph by Mallory McCoy. [11.29.04] A group of Court Singers (above right) entertain the crowd and fellow Madrigals. Photograph by Mallory McCoy.

french I adds a little Academics holiday spirit

By Erica Rohren

Teacher Karen Hake showed the true meaning of Christmas when she took her French I class to Wal-Mart to buy clothes for less fortunate children.

Hake used the opportunity to take part in this activity while studying clothing in class.

"I wanted to get students more involved and extend the unit outside the classroom," Hake said.

The class bought clothing for three children. The students were divided into two groups and each group was given the names of the children and what items of clothing they were supposed to buy.

Hake asked for her students to bring in money while some of the students' parents also donated money.

"Giving is about sacrifice, it's up to you to provide your contribution," Hake said.

Hake applied French into the field trip by telling the students to use their vocabulary. Since the class was in the middle of the clothing unit, they had to say what item of clothing they needed in French.

"I would love to get ISU students involved and translators as cashiers, but that's a long process that needs to be developed," Hake said.

The children the French class were buying gifts for have not had it easy. Their lives have been very rough.

"One of the children that the class bought clothing for recently lost his mother in a car accident, so he was really happy to receive these gifts," Hake said.

Hake hopes this activity had an effect on her students and that it has taught them something.

"They may not remember much French, but hopefully they can remember the field trip and how they helped other people," Hake said.

Hake would love to do more charity work in the future; maybe something to relate to the food unit.

"I want to do some type of food drive or more community involvement. I think that's very important to be involved," Hake said.



12.10.04

Freshman Caitlin Baugh (above left) looks through the racks of clothing at Wal-Mart. Photograph by Erica Rohren. [12.10.04]

Walking through the aisles, freshman John Cooper (above center) looks for the perfect gift. Photograph by Erica Rohren. [12.10.04]

Sophomore Justine Harris and freshman Lindsay Clements (above right) purchase their items at the check-out. Photograph by Erica Rohren.



12.10.04
Freshman Lindsay Clements and sophomores Alaska Andre, Justine Harris, and Stephanie Sidak (far left) count the money they have to buy clothes. Photograph by Erica Rohren. **[12.10.04]**
Freshmen Hillary Giesel and Jordie Schumacher (left) use the self check-out at Wal-Mart for their purchase. Photograph by Erica Rohren. **[12.10.04]**
Freshman Hillary Giesel and Caitlin Baugh search for the perfect clothes for their gifts. Photograph by Erica Rohren.





9.1.04

In their first performance of 'Shakespeare's ladies', senior Lauren Schumacher, as Katherine, and senior Melissa Basolo, as Desdemona, (above) listen to freshman Cheryl Liang, as Juliet, talk about her love for Romeo. Photograph by Allie Jocson.

[9.1.04] Schumacher (far right) rolls her eyes at Liang for being so naïve. Photograph by Allie Jocson.

[9.1.04] Sophomore Hilary Baboukis, as Portia, gives advice on love to sophomore Grace Schenck, who portrayed Ophelia. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



12.10.04

Freshman Carlin Deane (above left) looks through the sides of clothing at Wal-Mart. Photograph by Eric Roberts. [12.10.04] While on duty at the 1-800-800-4000, sophomore John C. Jones (above right) looks at the camera. Photograph by Eric Roberts. [12.10.04] Sophomore Hilary Baboukis and freshman Lindsey Clements (above right) perform their scene at the school. Photograph by Eric Roberts.

annual festival welcomes even the weird ones

Theater Fest

By Alyssa Solava

Hundreds of high school students came by bus, flooding the campus at University of Illinois during the weekend of January 6th. Theater Fest, also named 'The Festival of Geeks,' is a time for all the "weird students" from high schools all across Illinois to get together and share something that they all have in common, a love of theater.

"In this high school there are like five of us who are considered the 'weird ones' who look different than everyone else, but you don't stand out at all at Theater Fest. You automatically have something in common with the students there," junior Paige Osburn said.

During Theater Fest students perform shows for others and also partake in workshops of their choosing. Junior Fred

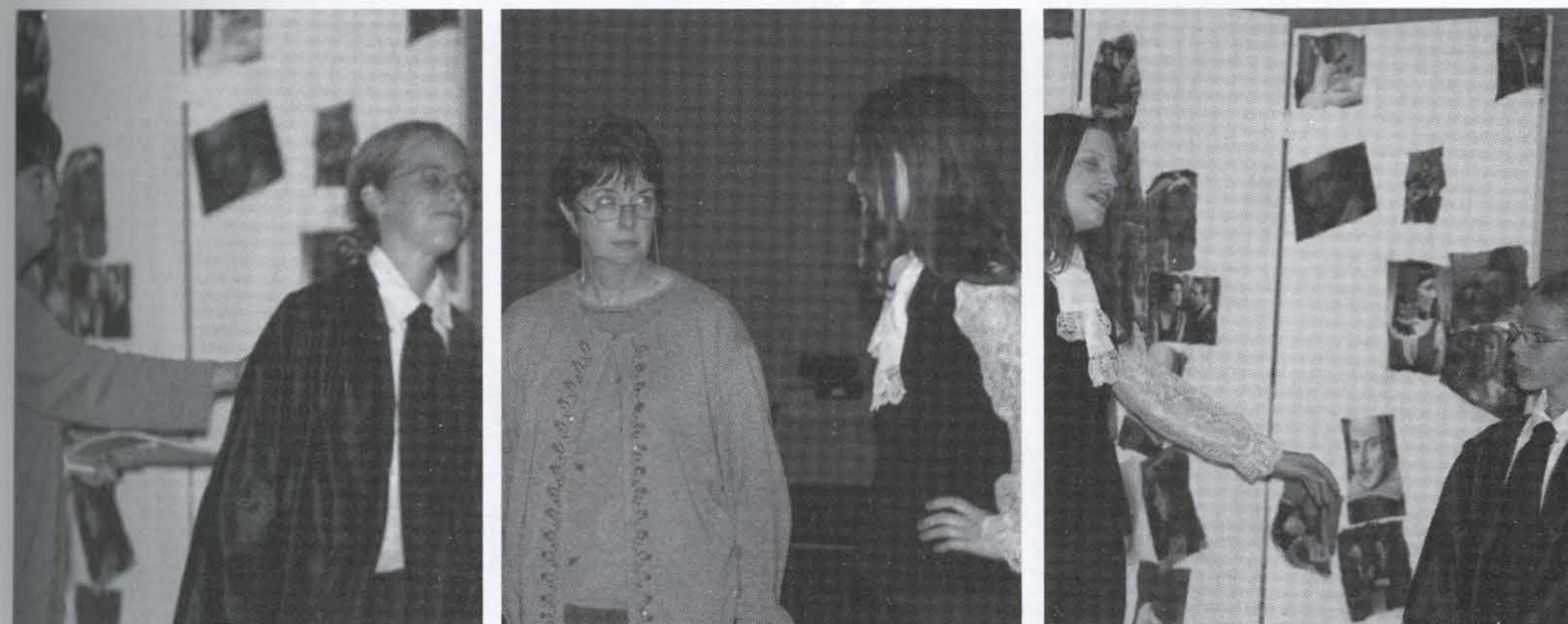
Geyer participated in a stage combat workshop, while junior Will Irvin attended an improv workshop and hip hop/funk dance class.

This year U-High was able to take its very own 'When Shakespeare's Ladies Meet' to perform at the festival. Theater Fest is not only a time to soak-up the wonderful shows and participate in workshops, many students also learn valuable lessons.

"The life lesson learned at Theater Fest this year was never to give your phone number and a pink scarf to a strange woman or she will come back to haunt you," Irvin said.

Junior Kiri Palm learned a different lesson.

"You can talk to anyone at Theater Fest. Everyone is so nice," Palm said.



8.29.04

Sophomore Hilary Baboukis (above left) receives instruction on where to stand from Mrs. Suzie Thetard. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [8.29.04] Lauren Schumacher (above center) practices lines with Mrs. Suzie Thetard. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [8.29.04] Schumacher and Hillary Baboukis (above right) practice a scene after making corrections to their parts. Photograph by Allie Jocson.

u-high fans are fit to the tee

By Abby Meisner

For the past few years Coach Cal Hubbard has been loaning out old uniforms for fans to wear during games. The front row at games would be filled with fans wearing retro U-High apparel.

As the seasons went on, the uniforms were replaced with the new and improved “Green Machine” shirts.

“We had seen a Green Machine shirt from around 1996 and we wanted one of our own and found out that we could make shirts at Gametime Gym,” senior Collin Reeser said.

Reeser and fellow classmate Jordan Busse decided to become entrepreneurs and take on the T-shirt design business by themselves. They made their own screen print and made each shirt by hand.

“We changed the shirts’ design because we didn’t want people to be disappointed by the same design as last year,” senior Jordan Busse said.

Busse not only makes the shirts, but is also pictured in one. The “Ride the Bus” chant began during the 2004-2005 basketball season. Every time Busse would make a great play the chant would start. Reeser decided to use this phrase on a shirt with a picture of Busse driving a school bus.

Busse is unsure of how to feel having a

shirt picturing him on it.

“I think it’s awesome that people would actually want to buy a shirt that’s about me, but I always feel kind of weird when someone comes up and asks to buy one of my shirts. I’m not really sure why, but it’s just different when you are selling something with your face on it to people,” Busse said.

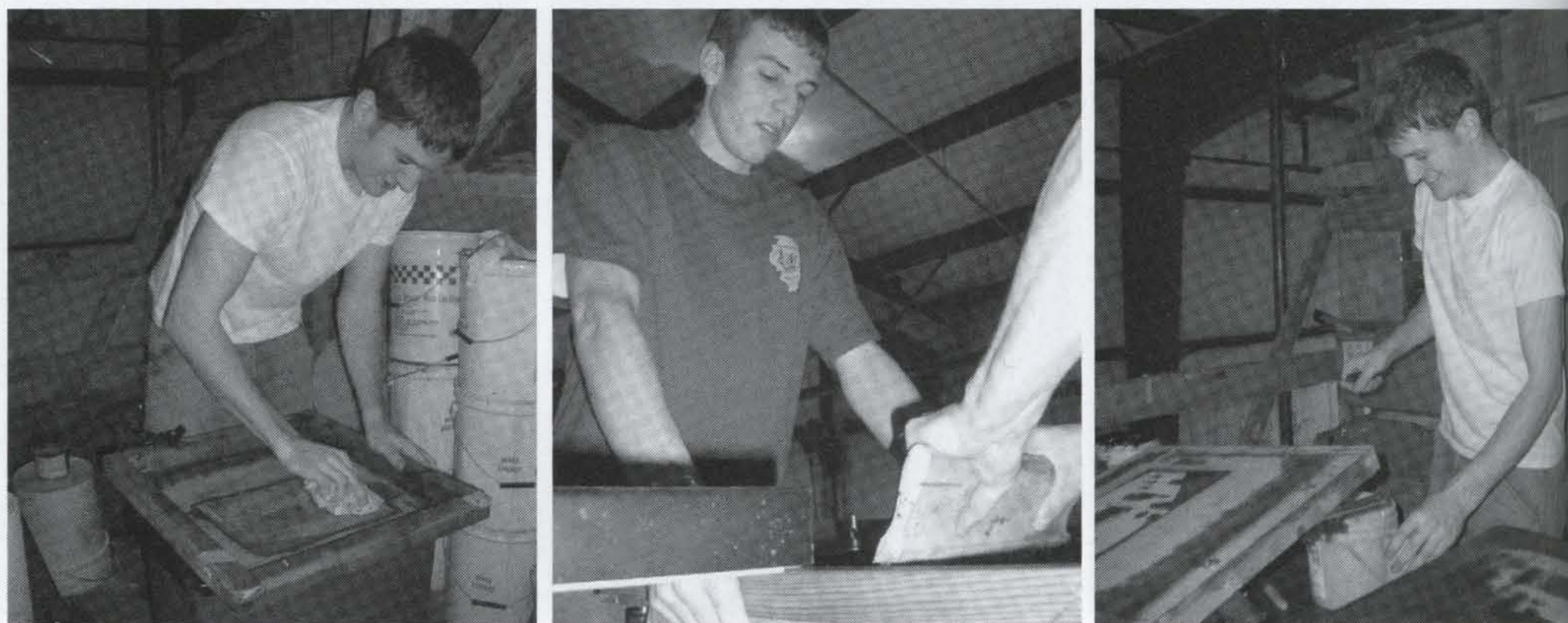
Another product featuring a specific player is the “I Heart Mikey” shirt, designed after Mikey McMillan by senior Adam Heissler.

“We chose Mikey because everyone loves him,” Busse said, “Also, we knew that the Mikey shirts would sell outside of U-High because he has lots of friends from the other high schools in town.”

McMillan enjoyed the idea of having a shirt made of him.

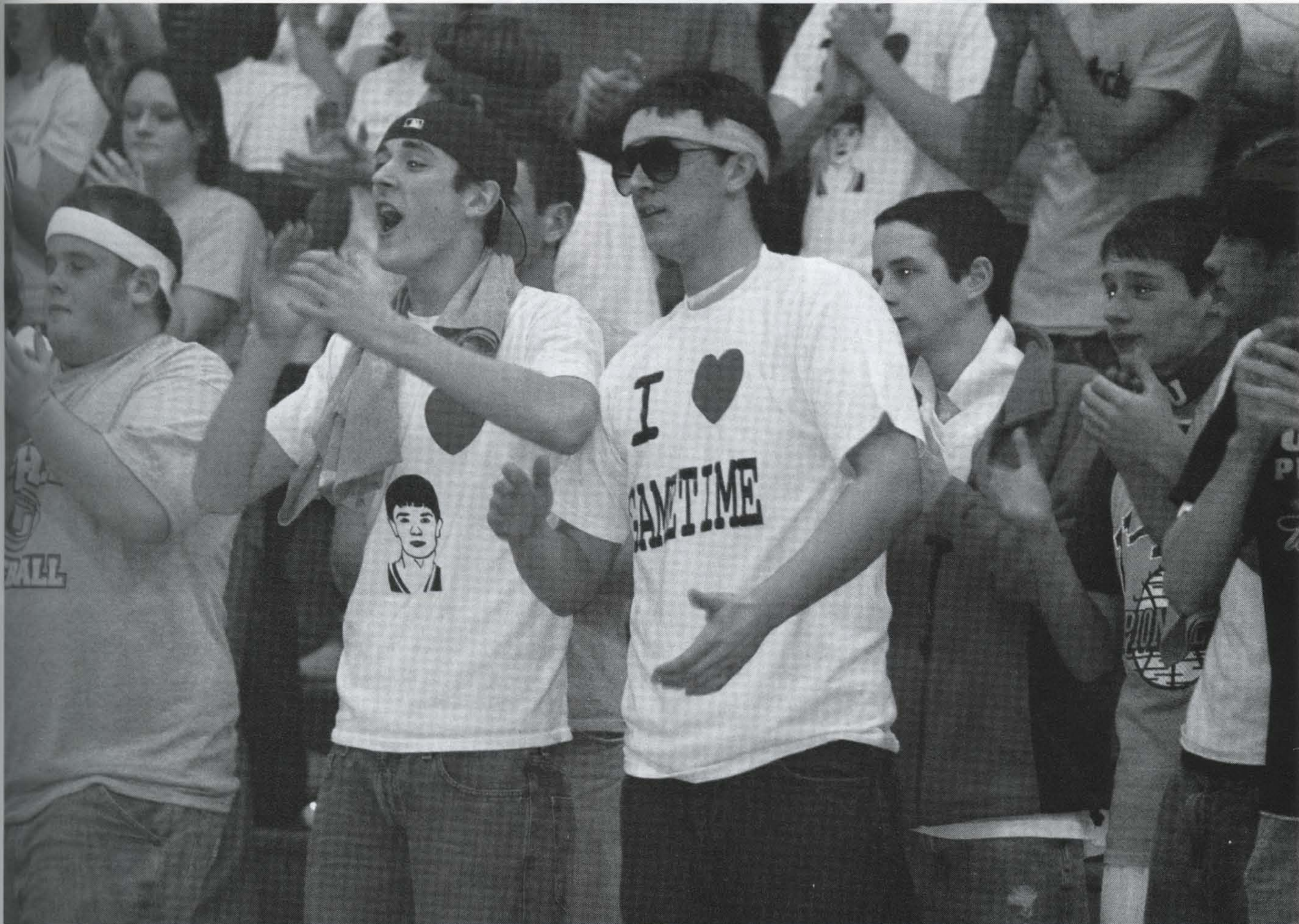
“I thought it was funny when I first saw the shirt. I thought only a few people would buy them, and I was surprised that they became so popular,” McMillan said.

The shirts are affordable and a portion of the money goes to charities that U-High Senate supports including Toys for Tots and the tsunami effort. With all the options there is definitely a shirt for everyone to enjoy.



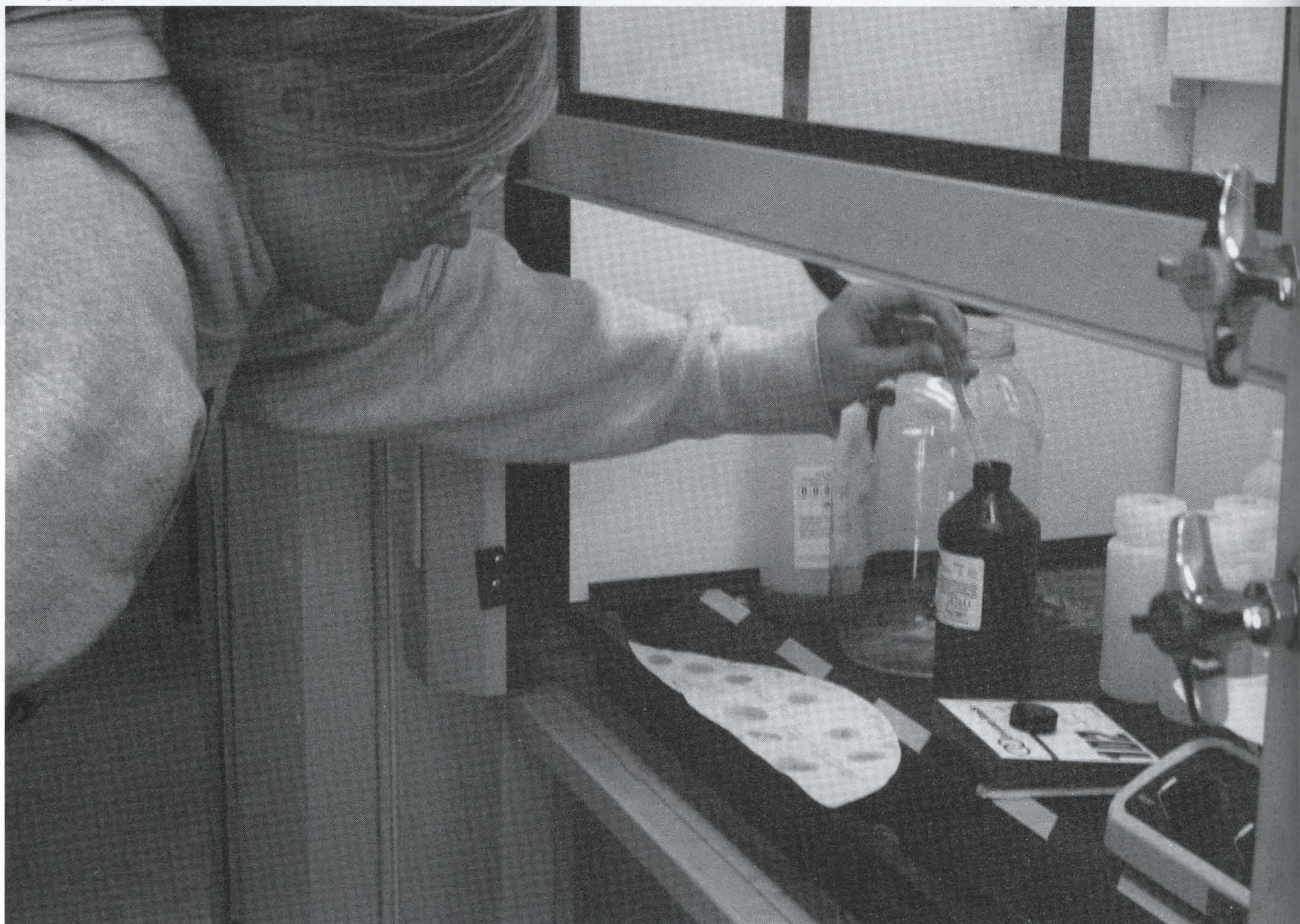
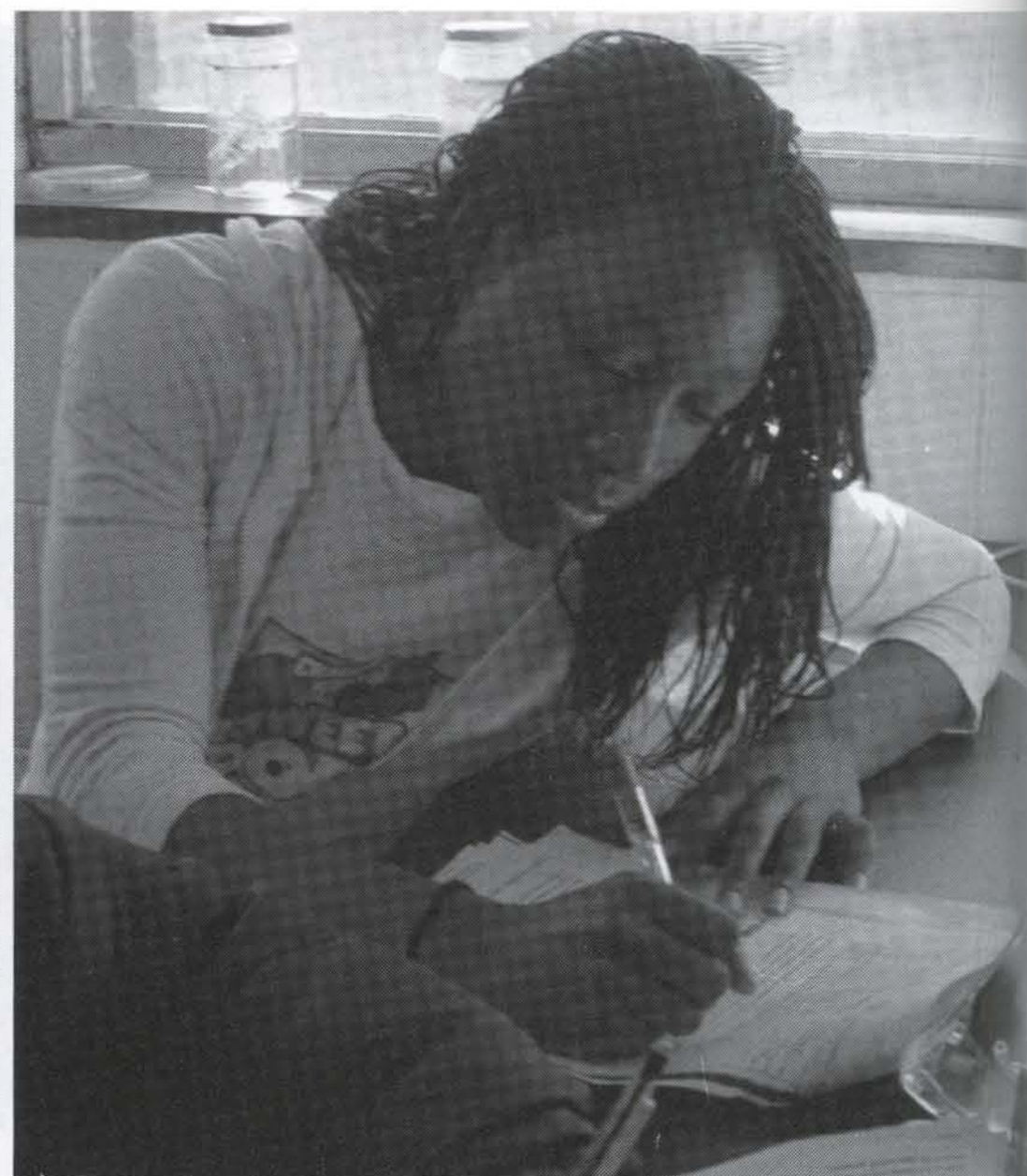
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Senior Collin Reeser (above left) cleans off a screen at Gametime Gym. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [1.24.05] Holding down the screen for a fellow shirt-maker, senior Jordan Busse (above center) lends a helping hand. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [1.24.05] Being careful with the ink, senior Collin Reeser (above right) adds color to a T-shirt. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



1.29.05
Senior Jimmy Collins and junior Nick Greico (above) display two of the shirts made this year by student fans. Photograph by Allie Jocson. **[1.24.05]** Seniors Jordan Busse, Armando Baez and Collin Reeser (left) work on "Ride the Bus" T-Shirts. Photograph by Allie Jocson. **[1.24.05]** Collin Reeser and Armando Baez carefully lift up the screen (far left). Photograph by Allie Jocson.

1.22.05
 Senior Megan Sage (below) takes chemicals from the fume hood. Photograph by Erica Rohren. **[1.22.05]** Junior Tonya Brown (far right) works on her lab packet. Photograph by Erica Rohren. **[1.22.05]** Juniors Anne Stein and Kevin Bailey (right) work together on the lab experiment. Photograph by Erica Rohren.



students take learning to the lab

By Erica Rohren

Biology II focuses on the human body. It includes an in-depth look at biological principles and covers such topics as the cell cycle and genetics. The class taught by Michael Troll has conducted many labs to give students hands-on knowledge for the concepts of biology.

"The main purpose of the labs is to review learned concepts that we have discussed in class and to give the students a hands-on approach," Troll said.

The class has done experiments on pH concentrations and amylase, DNA extraction, and diffusion. However, their focus has been testing substances for carbohydrates, lipids, and proteins.

In this lab, students use substances such as oatmeal, potato slices, butter, and yogurt. These substances are used to test for each of the three categories. After doing tests on each substance, the students found what food contained which category.

"The labs have done a lot to help grasp the concepts of biology. It really helps actually seeing

things, rather than just memorizing them from a book," senior Justin Smith said.

Testing consists of using chemicals and techniques such as Benedicts Solution, Lugol's, Sudan IV, and the Biuret Reagent.

The procedure for each test is all very similar. It consists of placing a substance in a test tube, adding a specific solution and waiting for a reaction to take place. Many of the tests require a color change for the presence of a carbohydrate, lipid or protein. Others look for remains in the test tube.

At the end of each lab, students are required to complete lab packets. Each packet reviews the lab and what was learned. The questions in the packets allow students to interpret data and be able to use what they learned and then apply it to other situations.

"We complete lab packets that help us understand what we have done. It makes us refer to what we have done and helps us really understand what the lab has taught us," Smith said.



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Senior Kevin O'Malley (above left) carefully places substances in test tubes. Photograph by Erica Rohren. [1.22.05] Junior Anne Stein (above center) uses her resources to complete a lab packet. Photograph by Erica Rohren. [1.22.05] Senior Megan Sage carefully places chemicals into a test tube. Photograph by Erica Rohren.

this year's team dances to a new groove

By Alyssa Potter

The U-High dance team is unlike any other around town. "We don't compete and we don't use pom-poms," junior Abby Blair said.

"We do different styles and we don't do cheerleading, it's all dance. We also incorporate different costumes for different dances," junior Betsy Sur said.

Most of the dancers agree that the worst costume they've had to perform in was the "Madonna" costume.

"They were black or white and sparkled. We also had to wear blonde or black bob wigs and fishnets with a really short skirt. The worst part about the costume was having to wear a wig," sophomore co-captain Nicole Phillips said.

"Some girls had to wear white and weren't very happy about that," junior Aya Wilson said.

Although the dancers disliked some of their costumes, there were other challenges that came with being on the dance team. Another challenge was getting to practice. It was often difficult to fit

practice into the girls' busy schedules. It was also difficult learning the dances as fast as they needed

"If you miss a practice it's hard to catch up and learn what you missed because we learn the dances so fast," Blair said.

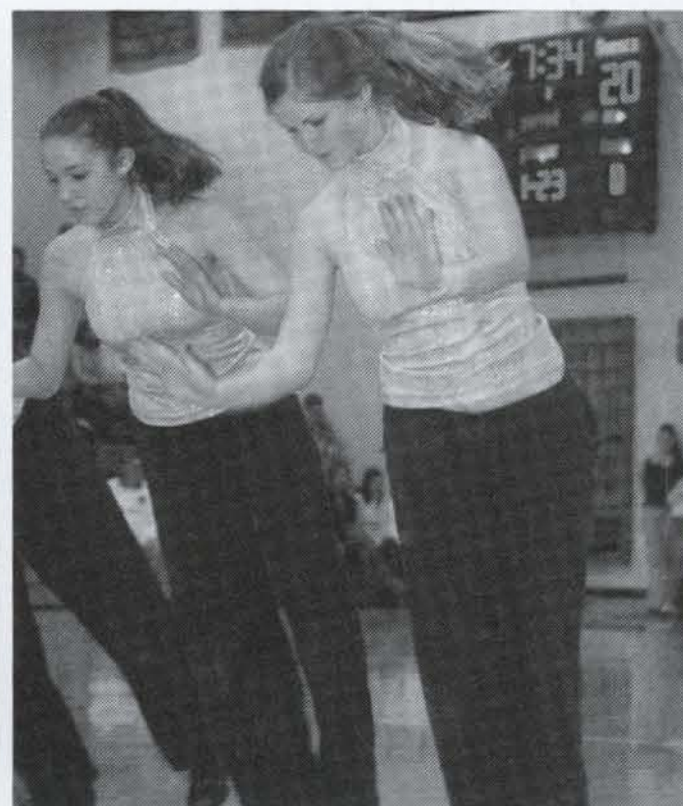
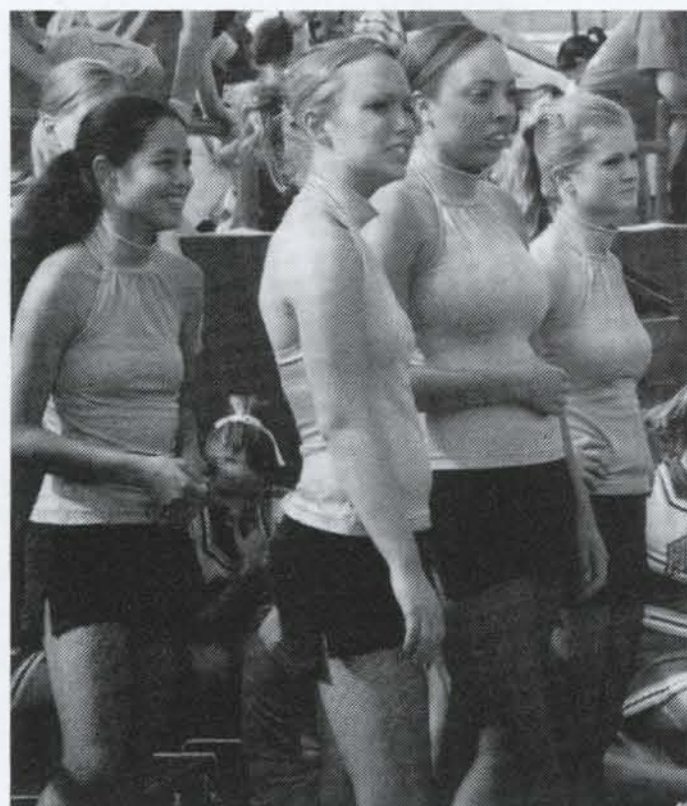
Through all their hard work at practices, the girls on the dance team became good friends.

"I enjoy working with my co-captain Melissa Shanahan, and I enjoy the company of getting to practice with the other girls. We get along really well," Phillips says.

As much as the girls enjoy the friendships they formed on the dance team, they also enjoyed the dancing aspect of the experience.

"The best part about dance team is performing. We love to perform. The best dance we've done was probably 'Throw Your Neck Out.' It's a fun dance to do and we all knew it the best," Blair said.

This year's dance team had fun during their season. It took a lot of time and effort to get them ready for a performance, but end results were satisfying for everyone involved.



9.3.04

Junior Aya Wilson, seniors Katie Sliney, Robin Berryman and junior Jessie Bower (above left) wait for their turn on the football field. Photograph by Mallory McCoy. [1.29.05] Sophomore co-captain Nicole Phillips and junior Jessie Bower (above center) perform during half time at a basketball game. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [9.3.04] After a great performance, junior co-captain Melissa Shanahan and junior Aya Wilson (above right) leave the field. Photograph by Mallory McCoy.



9.3.04 Members of the U-High Dance team (below) perform during halftime at Intercity. Photograph by Mallory McCoy. **[9.17.04]** Juniors Jessie Brown, Alana Lambert, and Melissa Shanahan (far left) dance in their infamous Madonna costumes to Material Girl. Photograph by Mallory McCoy. **[1.29.05]** Junior co-captain Melissa Shanahan (left) smiles to the crowd during a performance. Photograph by Allie Jocson.





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Sophomores Katie Giesel and Heather Celis (above)

wash the hand rails in a stairway. Photograph by

Alyssa Solava. **[1.29.05]**

Ashley Barber, Claire Taulbee and Kellie Kinsella (far right), all sophomores, scrub the desks in a classroom.

Photograph by Alyssa Solava. **[1.29.05]**

Even parents showed up to clean. Sue and Kent Taulbee (right) washed lockers at U-High. Photo-

graph by Alyssa Solava.



cleaning leaves the school so fresh and so clean

By Alyssa Solava

Students were hit with a wall of fresh lemon-pine scent when they walked into U-High Monday January 31. Two days before students, parents and faculty had gathered to clean in preparation for U-High's Open House.

Principal Jerry Christensen thought cleaning the school would allow not only prospective students, but also current students, to view the school as a clean and a nice place.

"The building looks pretty tacky. The lockers, walls, and windows have been getting worse and worse and the filth has been gathering up throughout the years," Christensen said.

Parents, student and faculty alike were scrubbing the lockers and windows. Sophomore Claire Taulbee was working in Mr. Don Petty's classroom cleaning writing off the desks.

"Our school gets kind of gross and it's sort of cool to have it clean and have people care about it," Taulbee said.

Taulbee also brought her parents along with her to help clean up the school. Sue, Taulbees mom, was scrapping the grime off of the lockers and walls with her husband Kent.

"I think cleaning is going to help. There's a lot of writing coming off the lockers," Sue said.

While the Taulbee's were washing profanity off desks and lockers on the third floor, sophomore Heather Celis and Katie Giesel, were picking at the leftover scotch tape and scrubbing off the writing on the lockers.

"It took Katie and I an hour to clean the third floor lockers, then our moms went over and cleaned them again. There were some things that just wouldn't come off," Celis said.

After hours of rubbing, scrubbing, and scraping, the school was ready for Open House. It was sparkling clean and smelling fresh. Prospective students could walk through the doors and feel that U-High was the best and cleanest place to be.



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A trio of junior girls, Kelly Whalen, Molly Schiller and Laura Wright (above left) scrub graffiti off of science desks. Photograph by Alyssa Solava. [1.29.05] Parent and teacher, Jan Harrell (above center) cleans by the main office. Photograph by Alyssa Solava. [1.29.05] Sophomores Claire Taulbee and Alyson Brucker work together cleaning a desk. Photograph by Alyssa Solava.

team excels despite a lack of seniority

By Megan Sage

Senior Captain Needed: Must be a strong leader, friend and swimmer.

There is no doubt that this year's boys swim captains were qualified for the job – with the exception of one small detail. None of them were seniors.

As the swimming season began, the juniors on the team discovered they had a huge challenge ahead of them. They were the new leaders. They had their work cut out for them and had a lot to learn in the process.

Bryan Benson, Chris Modos, and Eric Sinn took on this challenge with open arms. One junior, two sophomores, and five freshmen joined the team this year and the boys got ready to prepare for their season.

"It's harder as a junior to step up, it's not as natural," coach Michelle Meyer said. "It worked out good though; we have lots of experience for next year."

The freshmen made the transition to high

school swimming very well this year. The captains took time to get them used to the routine and become stronger swimmers.

The team competed well at several meets throughout the season and finished 3rd at Intercity. At Intercity, the team had the highest percentage of personal bests.

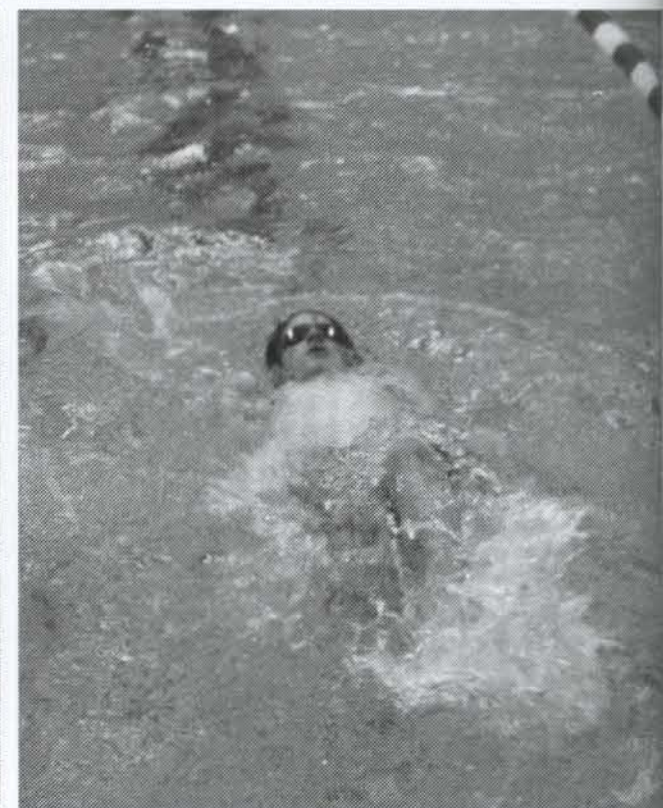
"Intercity was great this year. Everyone was pumped up and we all got to swim," junior captain Chris Modos said.

"I was happy we got third place" fellow junior captain Eric Sinn said.

Each meet had something exceptional about it. The boys worked hard in practices and at each meet they set new personal records.

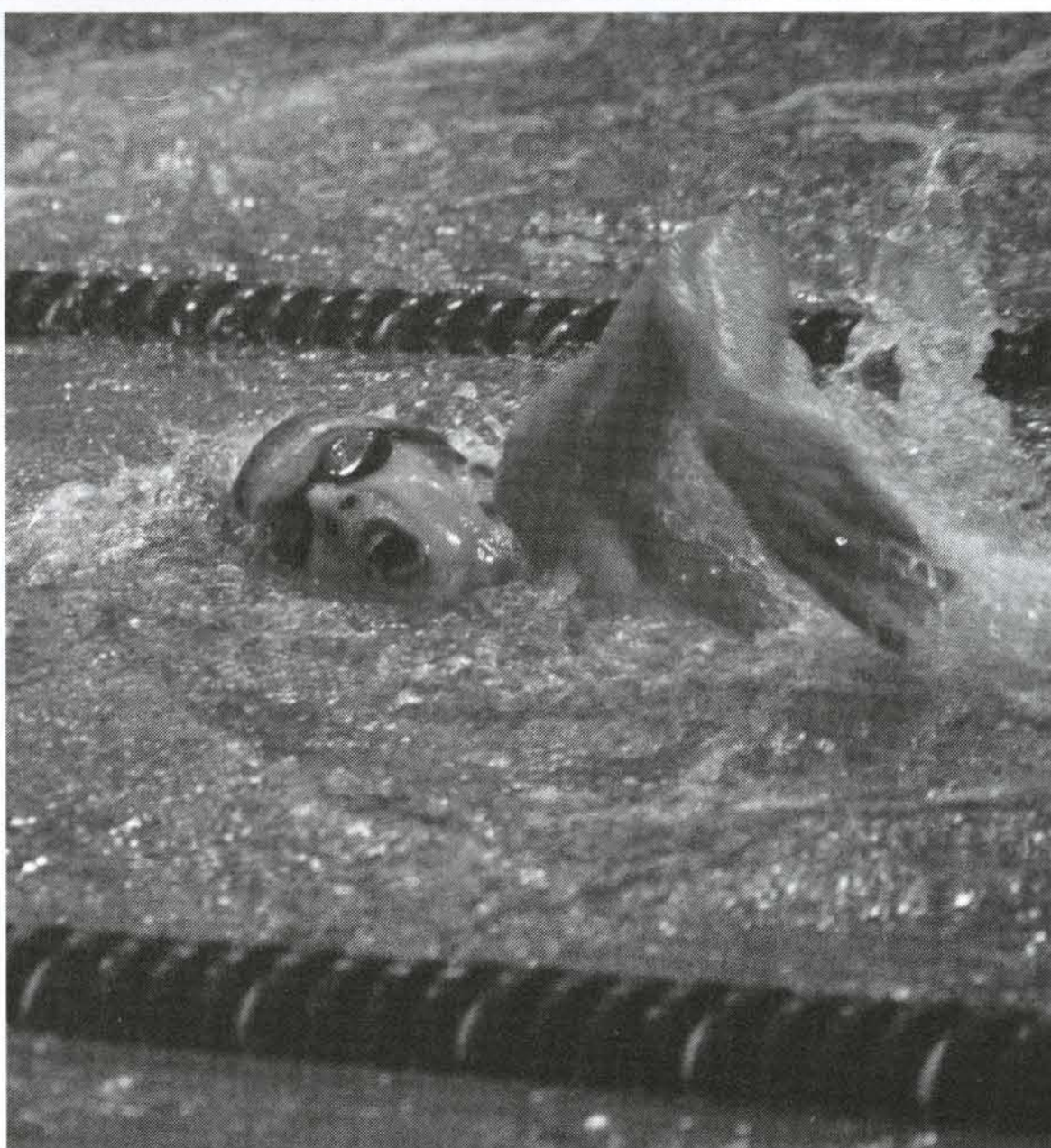
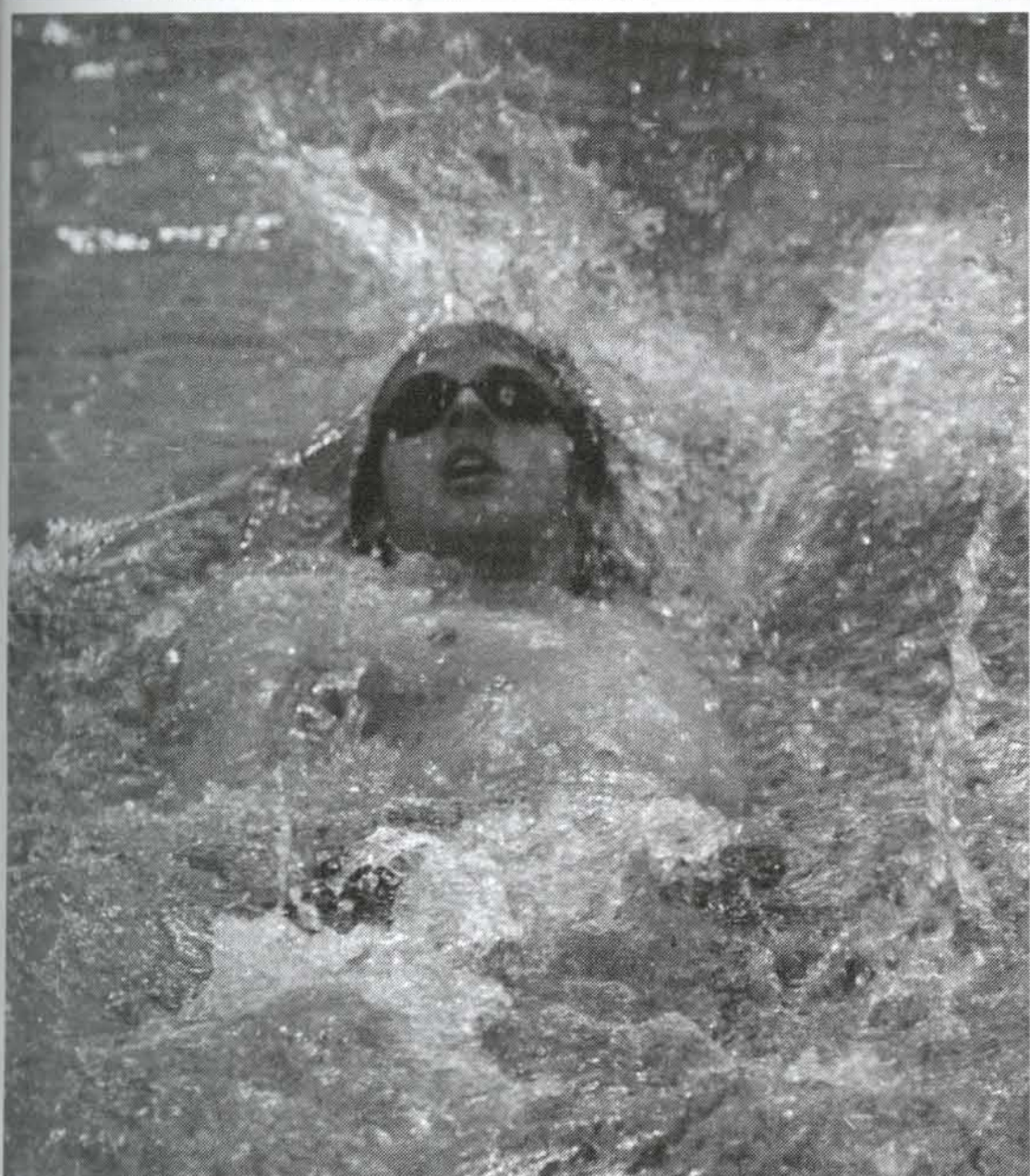
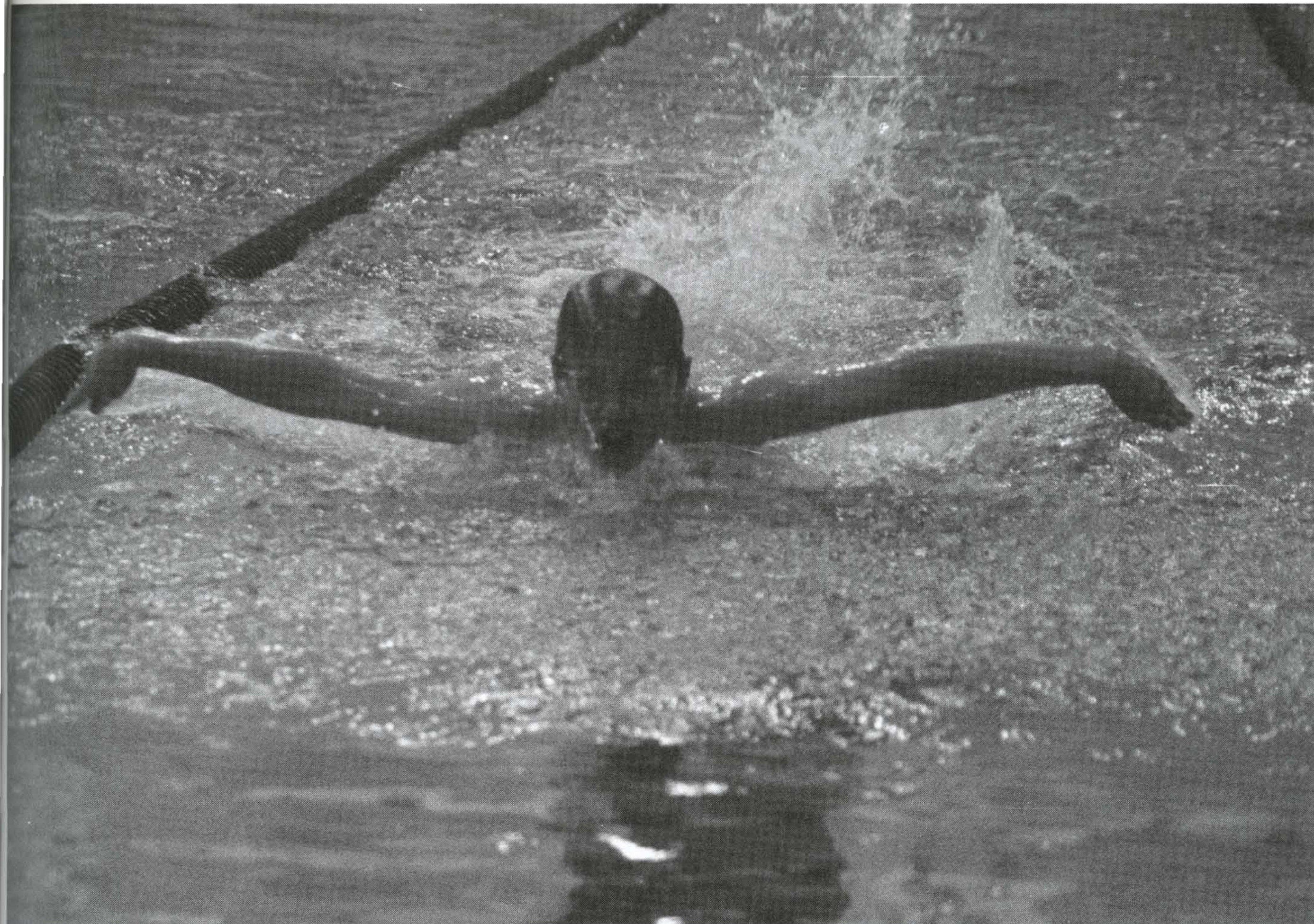
"You cannot ask for more than 100%," Meyer said.

The challenge set before the junior swimmers this year did not phase them at all. The captains rose to the challenge and turned over a very successful season.



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Junior Lee Clements (above left) was a strong force during this years boys swim season. Photograph by Erica Rohren. [1.20.05] Freshman Nick Houska (above center) jumps off the diving board at Horton Fieldhouse. Photograph by Erica Rohren. [1.20.05] Junior Rob Nash (above right) swims backstroke down the lane at a swim meet. Photograph by Erica Rohren.



1.20.05
 Sophomore Zach Saa-
 jasto (above) makes his way
 down the lane. Photograph
 by Erica Rohren. **[1.20.05]**
 Junior captain Chris Modos
 (far left) backstrokes down
 the lane during a meet. Pho-
 tograph by Erica Rohren.
[1.20.05] Freshman Nick
 Houska comes up for air
 while swimming free-
 style. Photograph by Erica
 Rohren.

2.5.05

The underclassmen in Speech (below) will be a large factor in seasons to come. Photograph by Laurel White. **[2.5.05]** Junior Will Irvin (far right) practices his Original Comedy before a performance. Photograph by Laurel White. **[2.5.05]** Sophomore Megan Schini (right) stays organized during a meet. Photograph by Laurel White.



they can walk the walk and talk the talk

By Laurel White

The speech team is truly a diverse and dedicated group of students. Even at 5:45 A.M., in the dark and snow, riding on a freezing bus on the way to a speech meet, life with speech team members is always interesting.

This year, freshman members adapted to their new high school environment spectacularly, becoming actively involved. They deserve praise for learning to cope with the insane antics of the upper-classmen and coach Jim Allen.

"It was the most fun insanity I've had in a long time," freshman Jim Krajewski said.

The team was, in some senses, led by freshman Hayley Harroun, who represented the team at both the competitive Downer's Grove meet and Regionals.

The sophomores represented a bright future for the team.

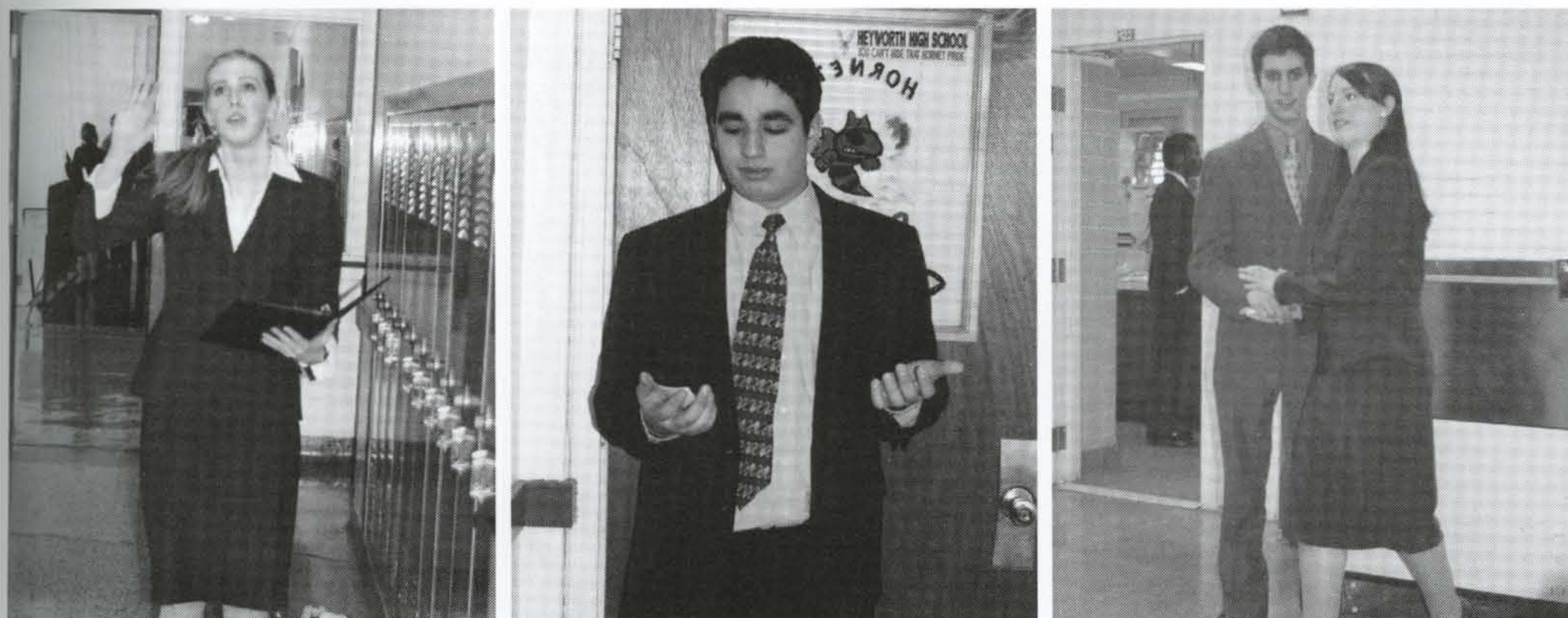
"During my second year of speech I was more comfortable with myself as a speaker, and I was generally less intimidated by speech itself," sophomore Sarah Morris said.

Mandie Le, Jessica Byerly and Tony Melchiorri all represented the team at Regionals.

Most juniors celebrated their third year of being involved in speech. Clayton Sutter once again wowed many with his comical skills, representing the team in Original Comedy and Dramatic Duet Acting with senior Alyssa Huff. Will Irvin came back for a second year, showcasing his hilarity in Original Comedy and Humorous Duet Acting with senior Amy Pacilio. Sarah Berg continued her reign over the Oratorical Declamation event, this year performing a speech by Jon Stewart. Performing in Radio Speaking and Dramatic Interpretation was Laurel White. All of the aforementioned were Regional team members.

This year's speech team seniors and captains were Alyssa Huff and Amy Pacilio. Huff performed another successful year in Original Oratory and Dramatic Duet Acting with Sutter. Pacilio read Verse and performed in Humorous Duet Acting with Irvin.

"I think speech is underrated. I've been a part of a lot of clubs, but speech is my favorite. You gain not only speaking skills, but skills that are very practical, applicable real-world skills," Huff said.



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Sophomore Desiree Carroll (above left) practices before taking the stage. Photograph by Laurel White. [2.5.05] Freshman Rustin Fakheri (above center) uses note cards to rehearse a speech. Photograph by Laurel White. [2.5.05] Junior Clayton Sutter and senior Alyssa Huff perform their Dramatic Duet Acting. Photograph by Laurel White.

this years team was all about each other

By Abby Meisner

This season the U-High Girls Basketball Team changed its main focus to moving toward team camaraderie.

"Our team has a lot of chemistry this year. We get along a lot better than in past years," junior forward Jenna Whikehart said.

Coach Bob Morris explained that this team is so unique in the fact that they all get along and enjoy each other's company.

"As a group this team has a sense of humor. I enjoy going to each practice because I know that sometime during it, something humorous will happen," Morris said.

This team has not always been so positive; there are times when the losses outweigh the team's great chemistry.

"It has been a season of ups and downs. We have struggled with consistency, but there has been a definite maturation, we're growing up with each game," Morris said.

Their season record doesn't necessarily display the team or what is truly important to them.

"Sometimes we get so hung up on wins and

losses that we forget that the relationships made a what last," Morris said.

The friendships made on this team are helping these girls become better teammates.

"This year is a lot different than last year because we work well together and communicate better. It has been more fun than the other years because of it," senior Lindsay Bertsche said.

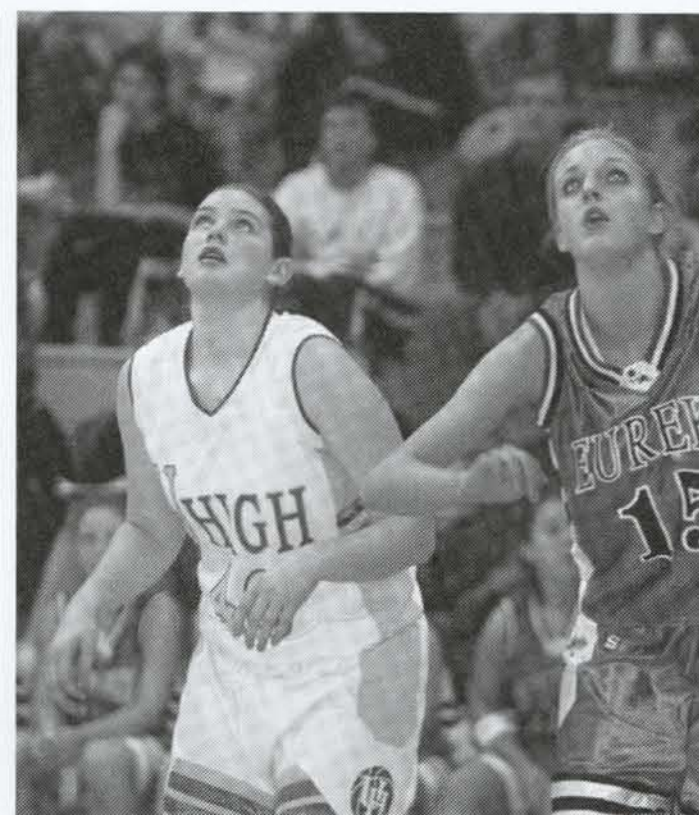
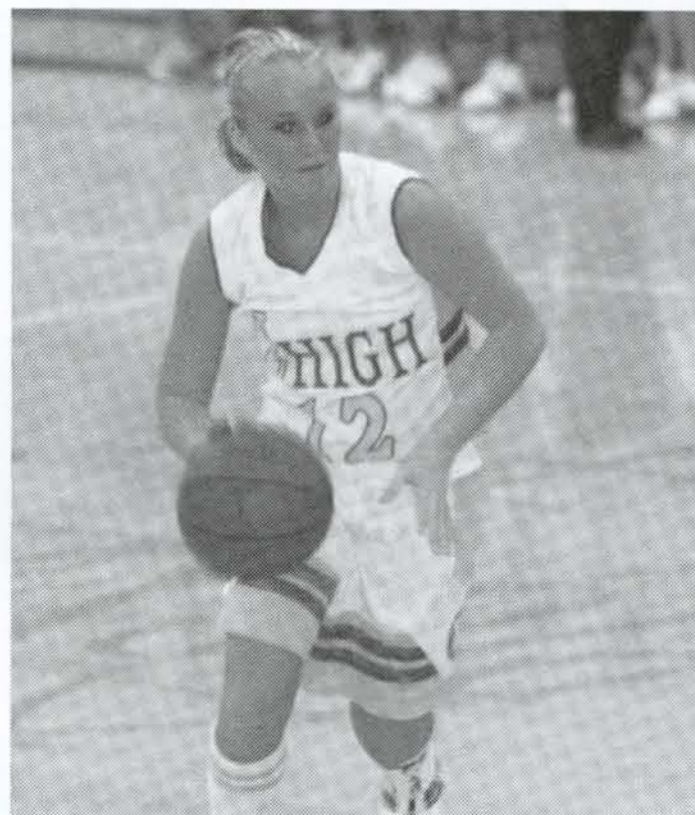
This season there were four seniors on the team. With only three seniors that had varsity playing time under their belt, there were some uncertainties about how well the team would come together.

"There was a lack of experience playing together, the team hadn't had a lot of playing time on the court together before this season," Morris said.

This lack of experience definitely called for senior leadership.

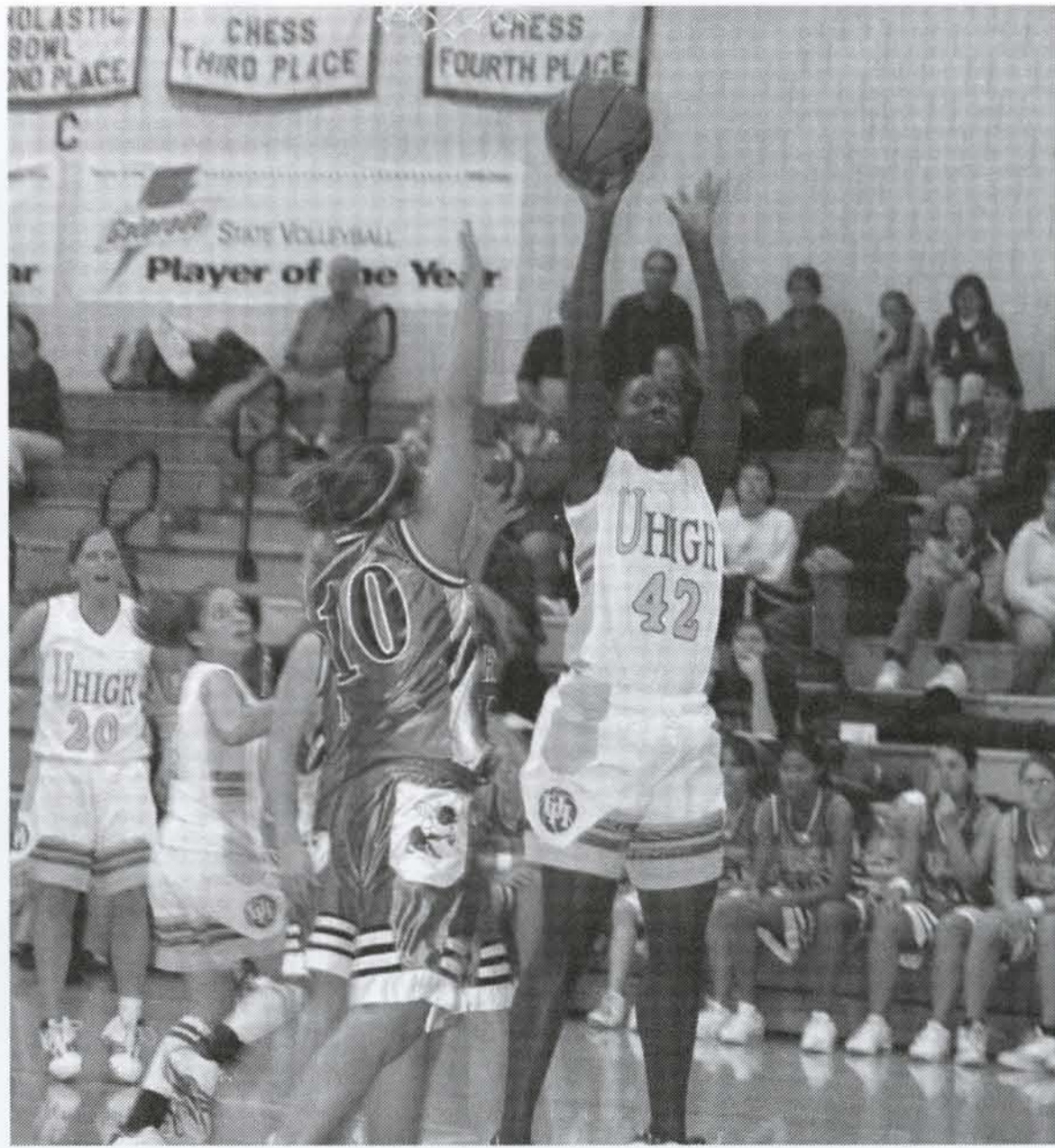
"Lindsay, Holly, and Sara have helped in the growing stages," Morris explained, "They have led in pressure situations."

This team has not only the key to good relationships, but also the key to success on the basketball court. They do not like to give credit to just one person when every teammate has made an impact.



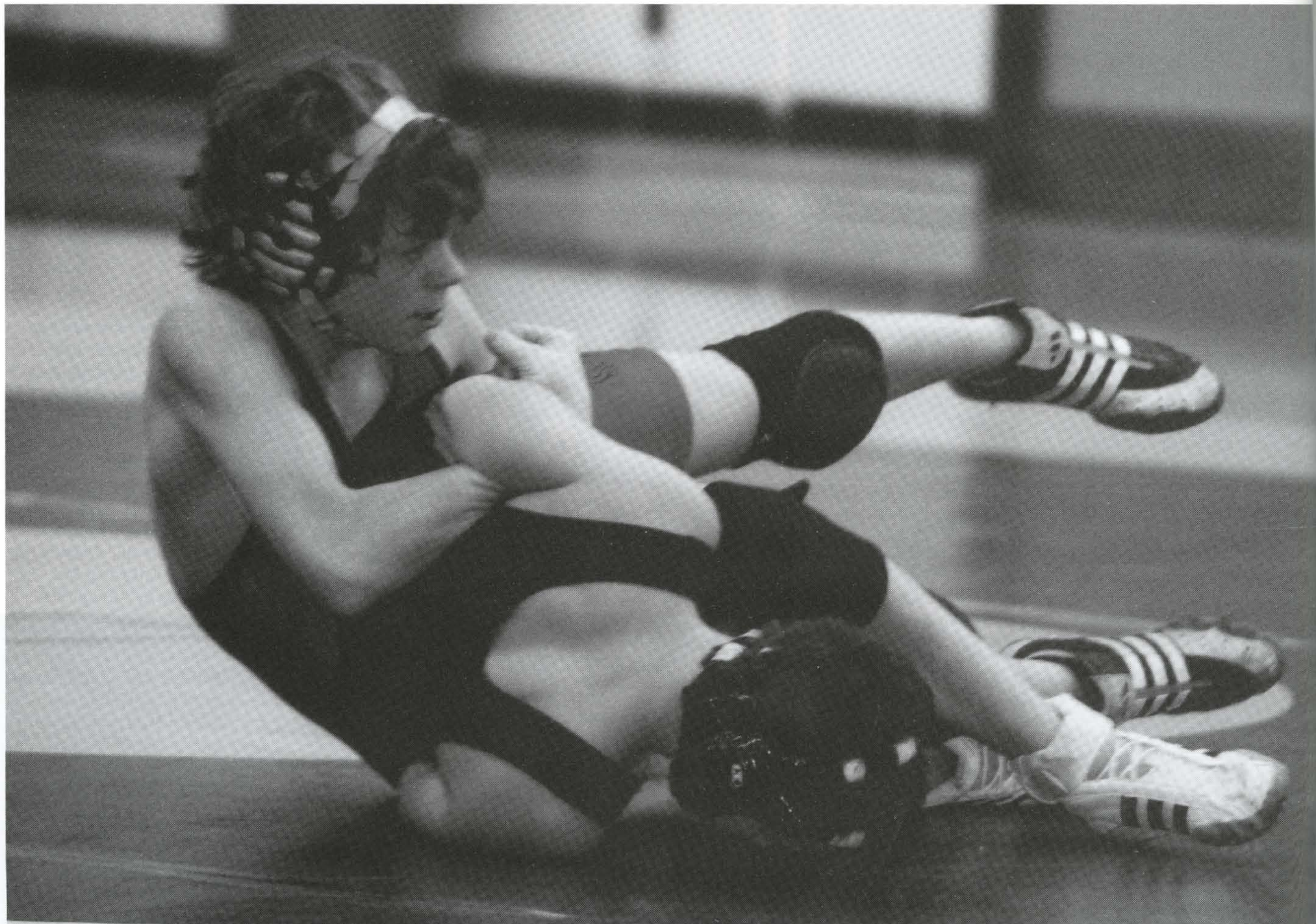
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Senior Sara Garriott (above left) concentrates on finding an open teammate to execute the shot. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [1.29.05]
Sophomore Natalie Larson (above center) prepares to block her opponent to get a rebound. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [1.29.05]
"When you're shooting, you have to be really focused. You can't second guess yourself," senior Lindsay Bertsche (above right) said. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



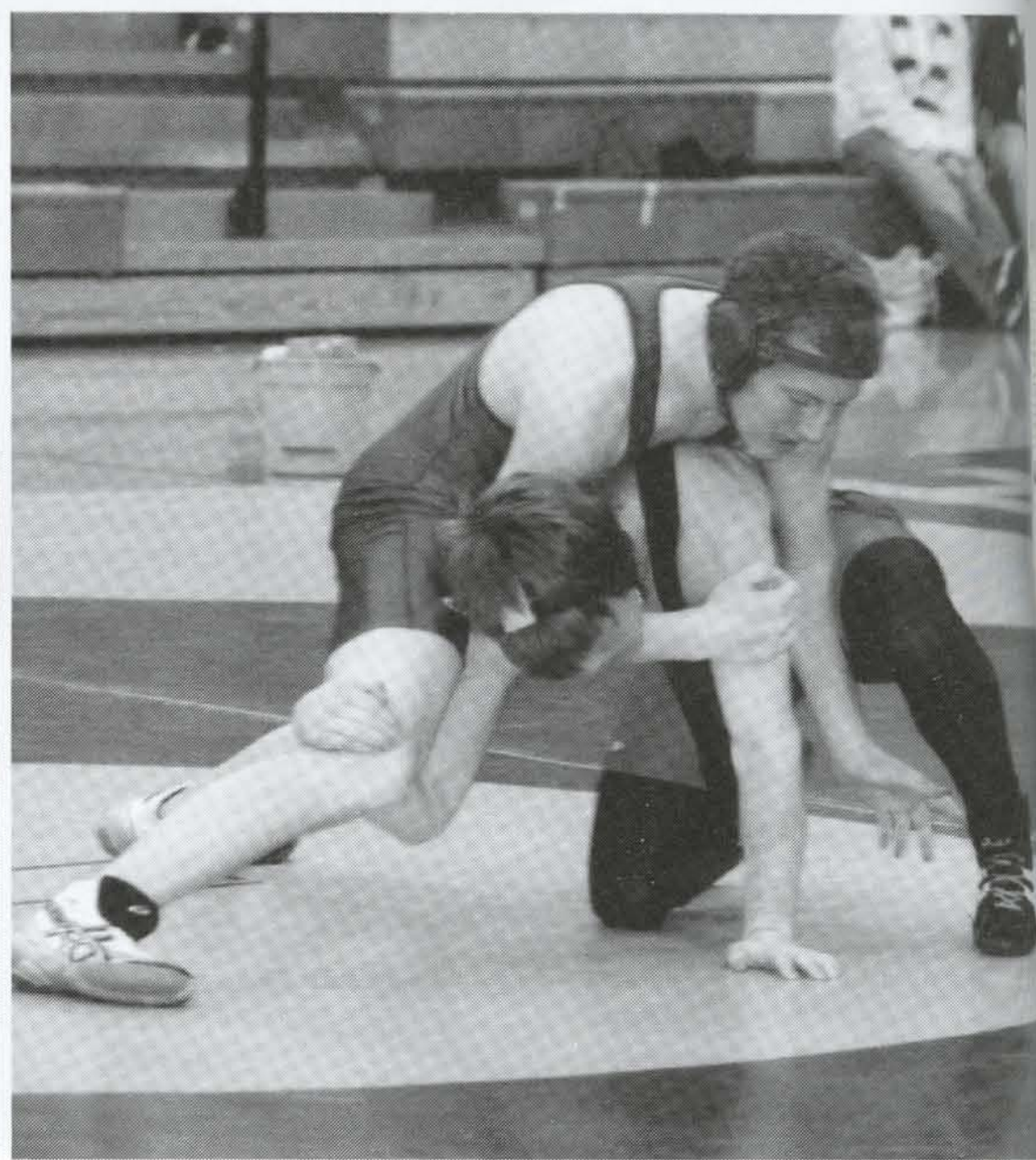
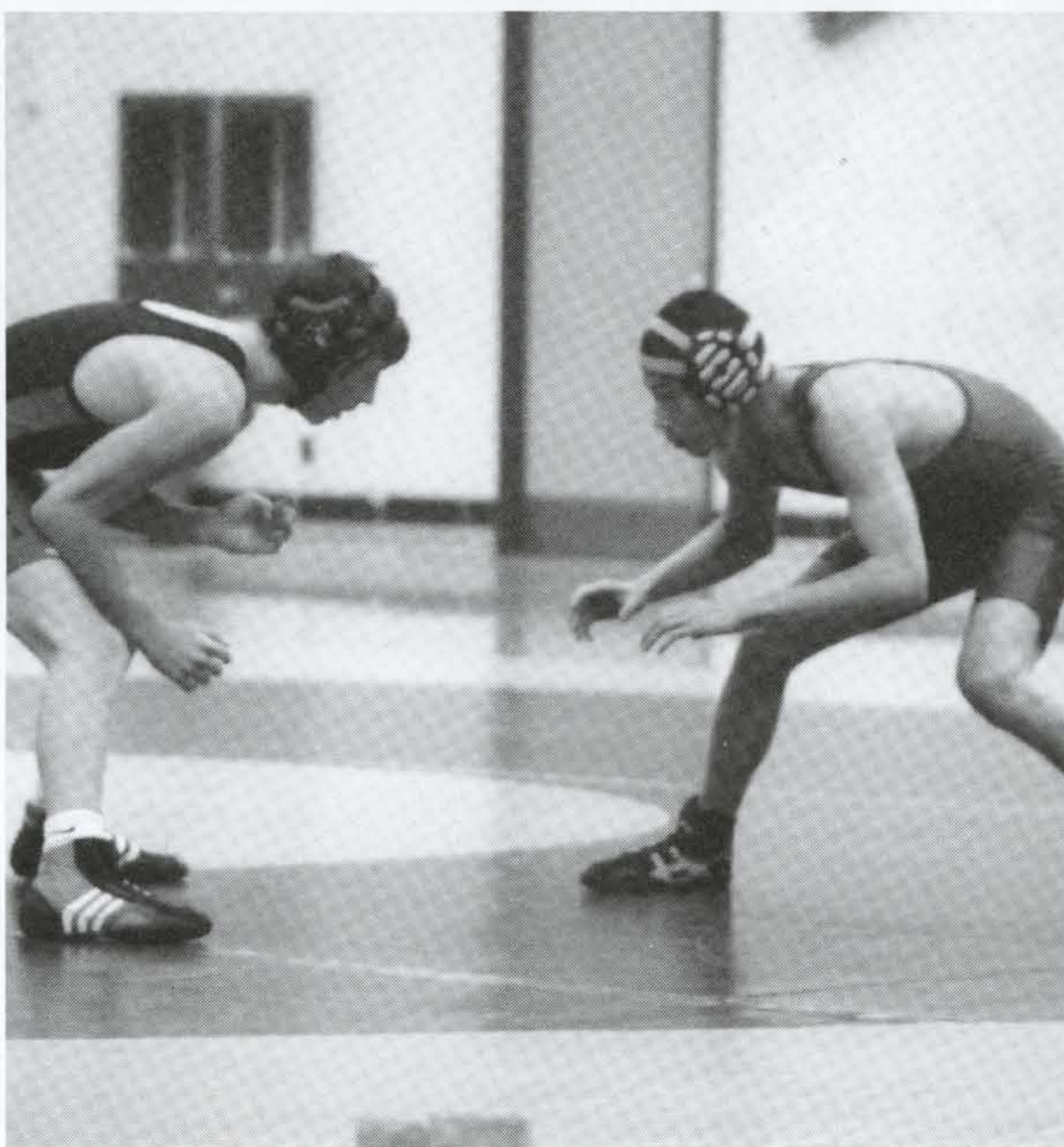
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 Junior Tonya Brown (far left) searches for an open teammate. Photograph by Erica Rohren. **[12.13.04]**
 Alisa Ndorongo (left) goes up for a shot over the arms of her opponent. Photograph by Allie Jocson. **[12.13.04]**
 "Control is a huge part of basketball. I always want to be in control," senior Holly Kennedy (below) said. Photograph by Allie Jocson.





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Sophomore Justin Daley (above) puts his opponent in a hold. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [1.29.05] Sophomore Tom Donnan (far right) works to stay above his opponent. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [1.29.05] Junior Victor Pham (right) in ready position, moves towards his opponent as the match begins. Photograph by Allie Jocson



on the mat there is nowhere to hide

By Emily Dougherty

Although not widely publicized in today's athletic world, wrestling is not an easy sport. The skill and precision needed to excel in wrestling is such that it overcomes those of other highly exposed sports. The dedication and determination comes from a drive that is absent in many sports.

This rings true for U-High wrestlers. Due to the talents and abilities of Coach Mike Troll, U-High has amplified its standards significantly.

"The physical strength matches the mental strength needed, and that makes it more challenging," senior Tom Alldridge said.

This year's team has benefited from many new members. However, the group still required the constant assistance of practiced members. From the beginning, they made strides in their style.

Wrestling is an individual sport, which means competitions are between you and your single opponent.

"There is nowhere to hide, no one to blame," Troll said. "It is a very humbling experience, and requires a great deal of discipline."

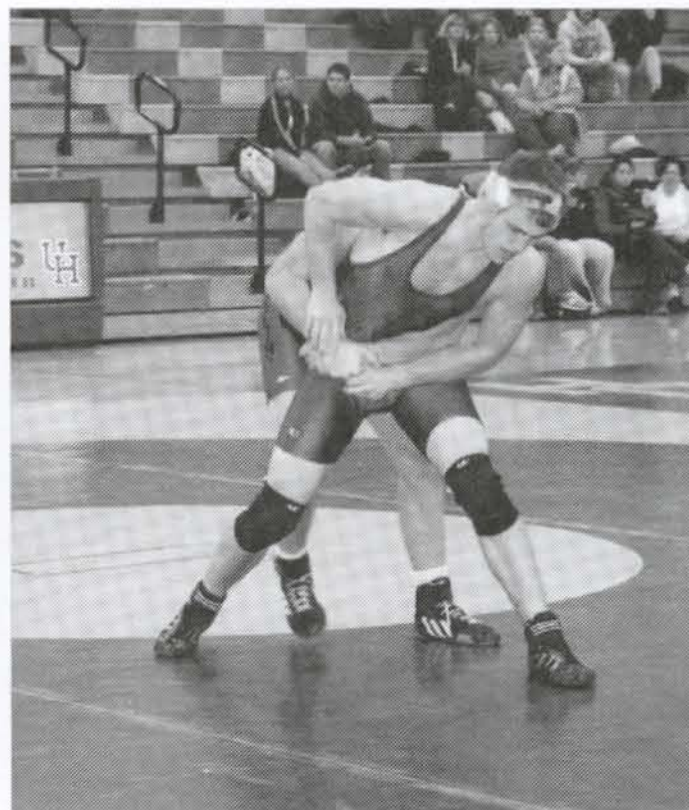
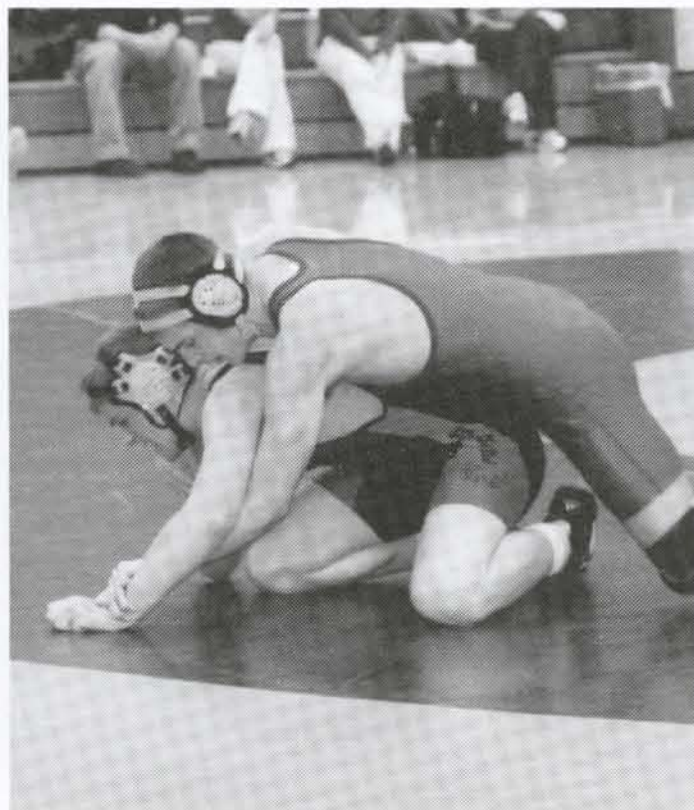
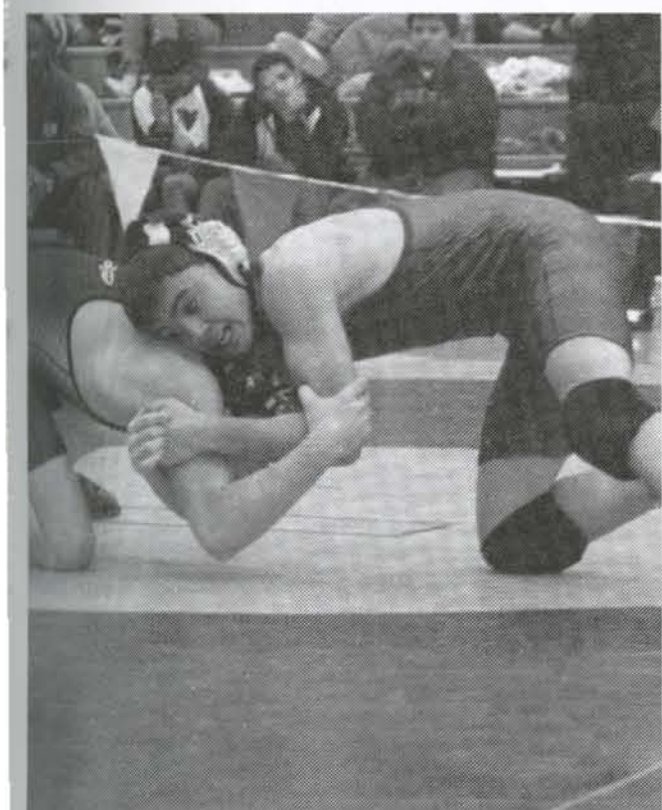
Perhaps this is what sets wrestling apart from other sports. It is the athletics which entail personal talent, as opposed to group, that truly requires a great deal of physical and mental commitment.

"It causes you to push yourself farther knowing that if you mess up, everyone will see it is because of you and no one else," Alldridge said.

The physical strength demanded for wrestling is necessary when it comes to the matches. Not only does the team have to worry about winning and losing, they also have to be aware of their weight and muscle mass.

As far as competitions go, U-High maintained a 77/121 varsity record this year. While the size of the wrestling team has grown in the past few years, it is still small in comparison to most.

Wrestling may not be as widely covered as other sports, but it is just as exciting and challenging. The U-High wrestling team is proof of that, and will continue to do so in future years. They will continue because it is obvious that the excitement and apprehension is present in competitions and even at practices.



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Freshman TJ Dougherty (above left) is using the front head lock move on his opponent. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [1.29.05] Freshman Joe Waropay (above center) attempts to pin his opponent. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [1.29.05] Senior Tom Alldridge (above right) maneuvers himself out of the grip of his opponent. Photograph by Allie Jocson.

it often came down to Boys Basketball the last second

By Erica Rohren

For the U-High Boys Basketball Team, crucial wins were usually determined in the last seconds of the game. That circumstance was especially true the night of January 29.

U-High lost to Quincy Notre Dame in overtime during the championship game at the Holiday Classic Tournament earlier this season. The Pioneers knew their second face off with Quincy would be just as tough.

On January 29, U-High defense was strong and kept Quincy under control, but U-High was struggling on the other end of the floor. After a low scoring first quarter, U-High lead Quincy Notre Dame seven to six.

At the end of the first half, Quincy was leading 20-19.

U-High stayed physically and mentally focused throughout the second half, especially in the fourth quarter.

With a little under two minutes left in the game, U-High trailed 48 to 43, but hard work and hustle would bring them back into the game.

After a steal by senior guard Jordan Busse, he passed the ball to senior post Mike McMillan. McMillan was fouled, sent to the free-throw line and made both shots.

With one minute 20 seconds left, senior guard Delano Robinson forced another Quincy turnover and added two points for U-High, bringing the Pioneers within one point.

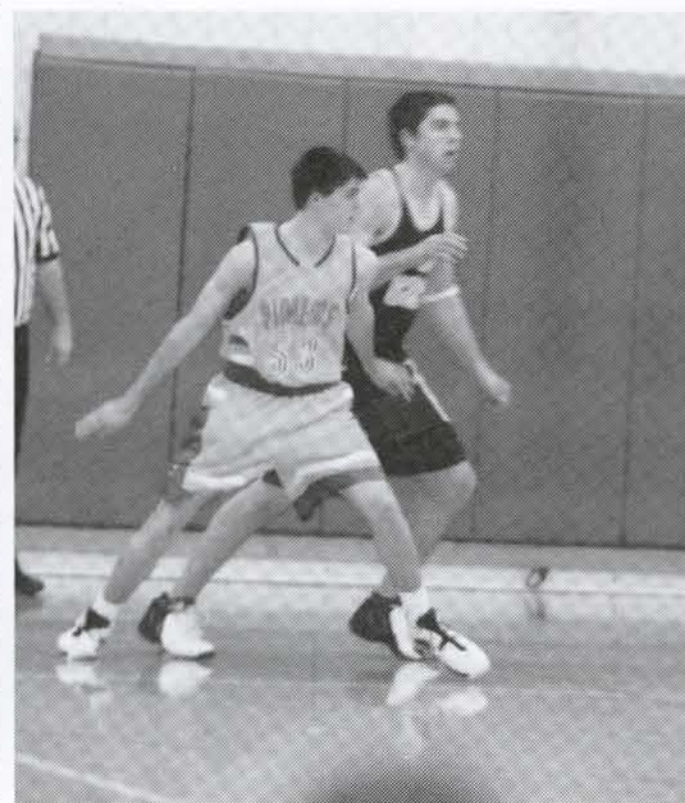
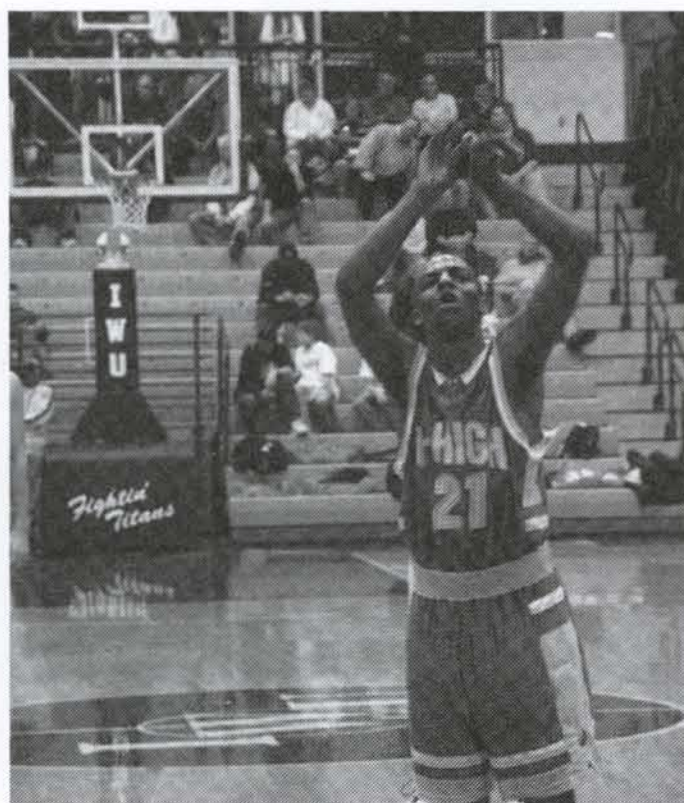
After a U-High foul, a Quincy shooter missed a crucial free throw. Busse made a lay-up to put U-High ahead by one with 35 seconds left in the game.

Busse forced another turnover with less than 30 seconds left. He passed the ball to Robinson who was fouled. Robinson went to the line. With immense pressure he took a shot and missed.

Quincy got the rebound while U-High's defense rushed back to the other end of the court. At the worst moment, the Pioneers defense crashed. Quincy scored with 3.2 seconds left on the clock and U-High called a time out.

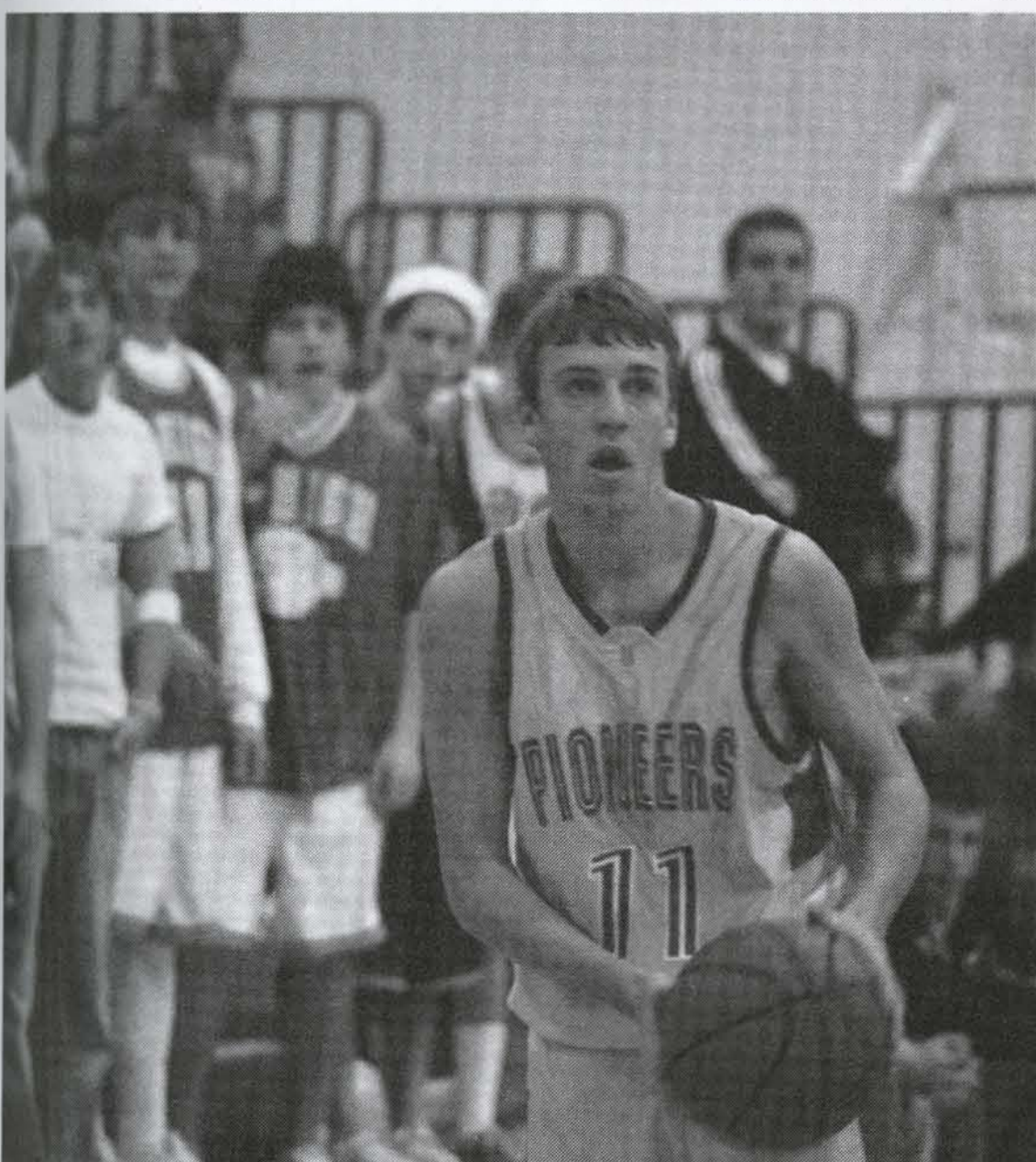
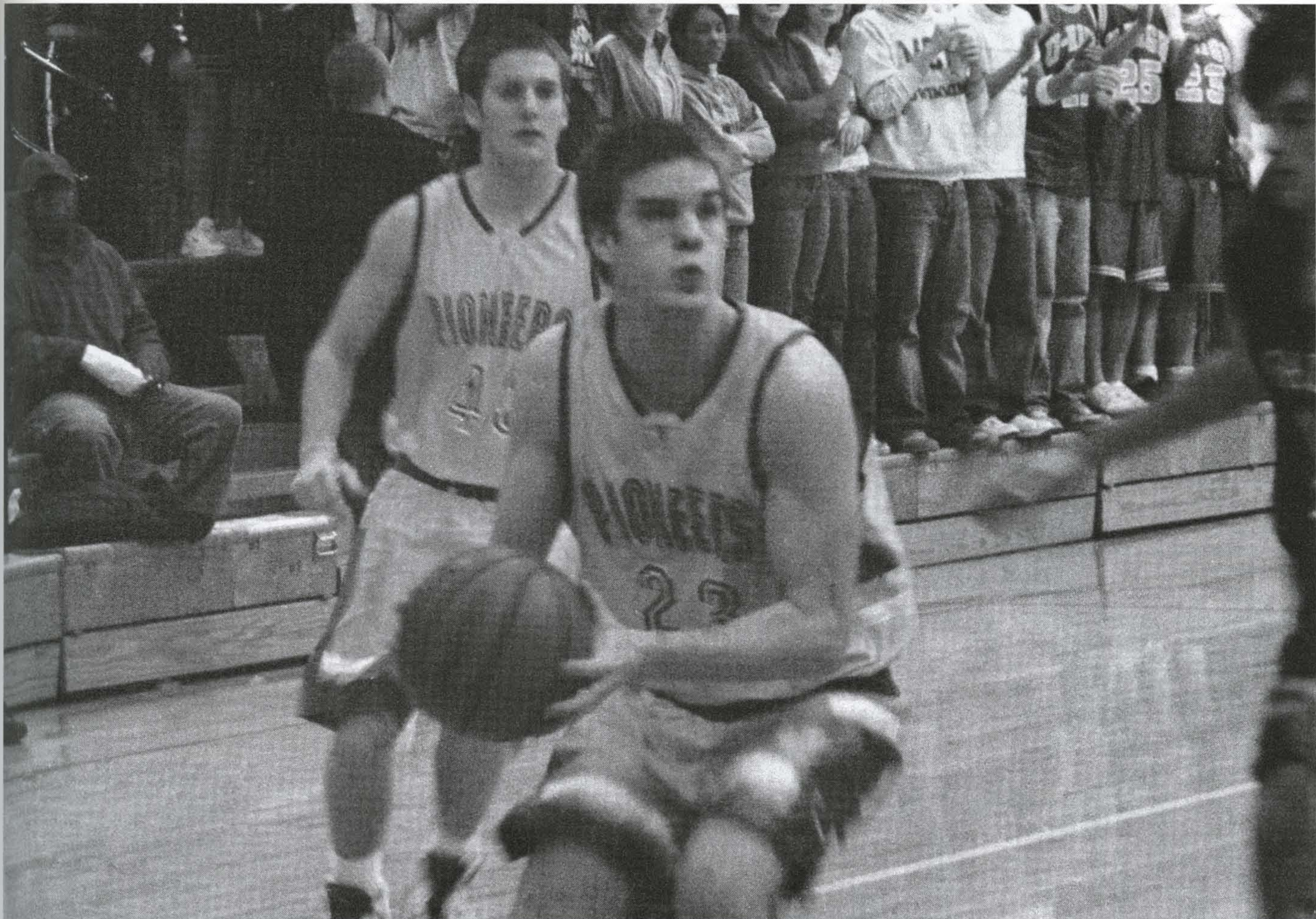
After the time out, the ball was inbounded by Busse to Robinson, who rushed the ball up the court to McMillan. McMillan took a jump shot but it came up short. U-High suffered its second loss to Quincy Notre Dame and U-High's first loss in six games.

"The kids played with a lot of heart and they never gave up. They showed a lot of courage," Hubbard said.



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Senior Delano Robinson (above) stays completely calm as he shoots a crucial free throw. Photograph by Erica Rohren. [1.29.05] Sophomore Aaron Schroeder (above center) guards opposing teammate. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [1.29.05] Senior Andrew McDowell (above right) searches to find an open teammate to carry out a play. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



12.17.04 Senior Joe Martens (above) prepares to take a shot as the crowd and fellow teammate senior Ben Reeser looks on in anticipation. Photograph by Erica Rohren. **[12.17.04]** Senior Jordan Busse (far left) prepares to shoot as fans behind him hold their breath in anticipation. Photograph by Allie Jocson. **[11.29.04]** Senior Michael McMillan (left) shoots above the opponent going for the block. Photograph by Allie Jocson.

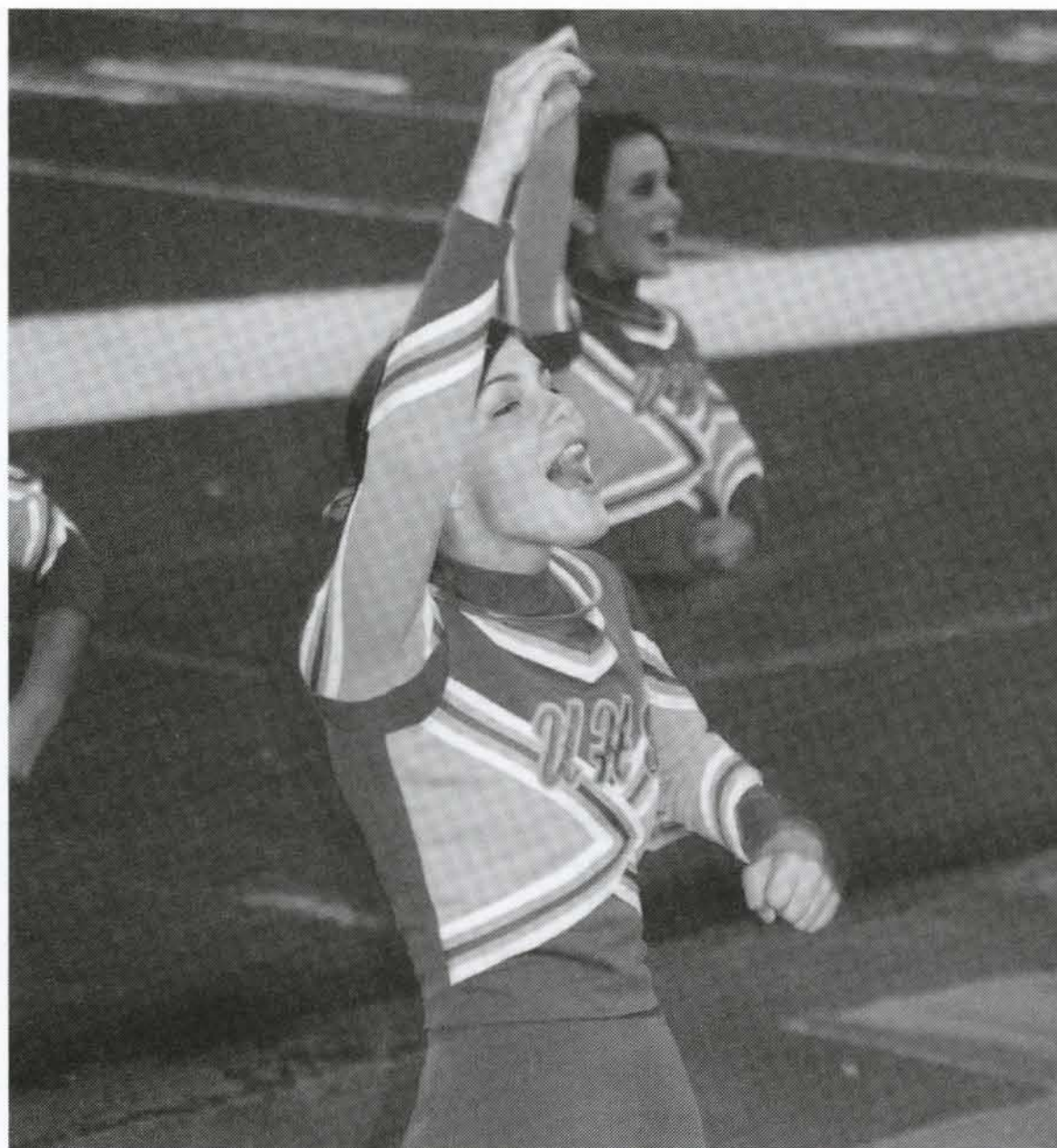
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The U-High cheerleaders (below) perform a new stunt during a time out.

Photograph by Allie Jocson.

[9.17.04] At Hancock Stadium, junior Anne Stein (right) cheers loud for her team. Photograph by Allie

Jocson. [9.17.04] Junior Kelsey Ellefson (far right) smiles big during a cheer. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



Cheerleading a new squad sends fans to their feet

By Jimmy Collins

This year's cheerleading squad seemed to have more pep in their step than in years before. This was due in part to the great leadership from four senior girls and the support of the new coach Andrea Markert.

"Coach Markert did a great job of stepping it up and taking on a lot of new responsibilities this year," senior Sam Carlson said.

One of coach Markert's main focuses this year was to establish new elements of cheering to the squad.

"One new thing that I tried to introduce this year was co-ed cheering. Having males on the squad can be great and allows the team to try a variety of new stunts," Markert said when commenting on the two junior boys who decided to cheerlead.

There were four seniors on the team that really helped to set examples for the squad. The seniors on the squad were captains Alese Furnald and Chandra Golden, other seniors were Taylor Brucker and Sam Carlson.

Being a cheerleader is not as easy as it may seem. The squad put in many hours of hard work and dedication so they could get their stunts perfect.

The girls practiced four to five times a week during the summer and two times a week during the school year.

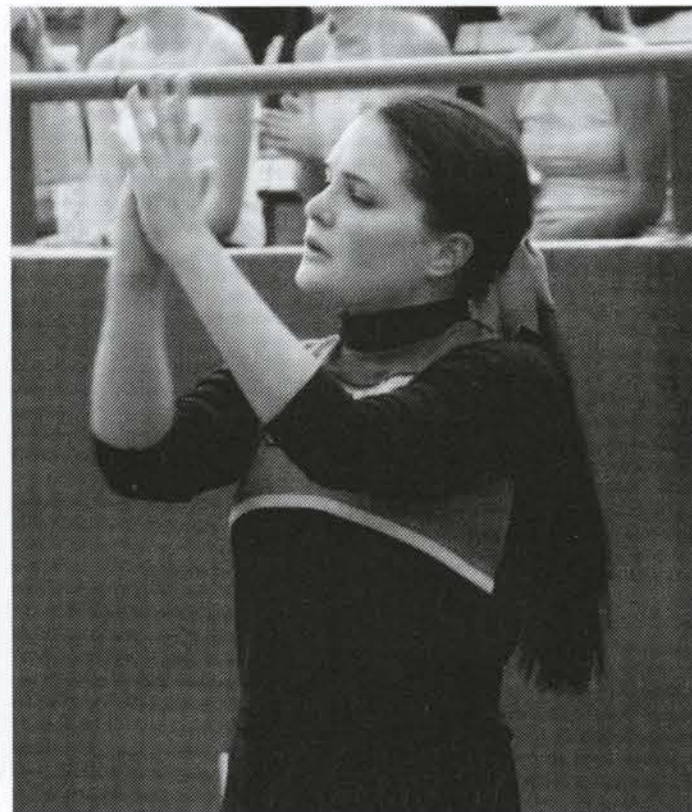
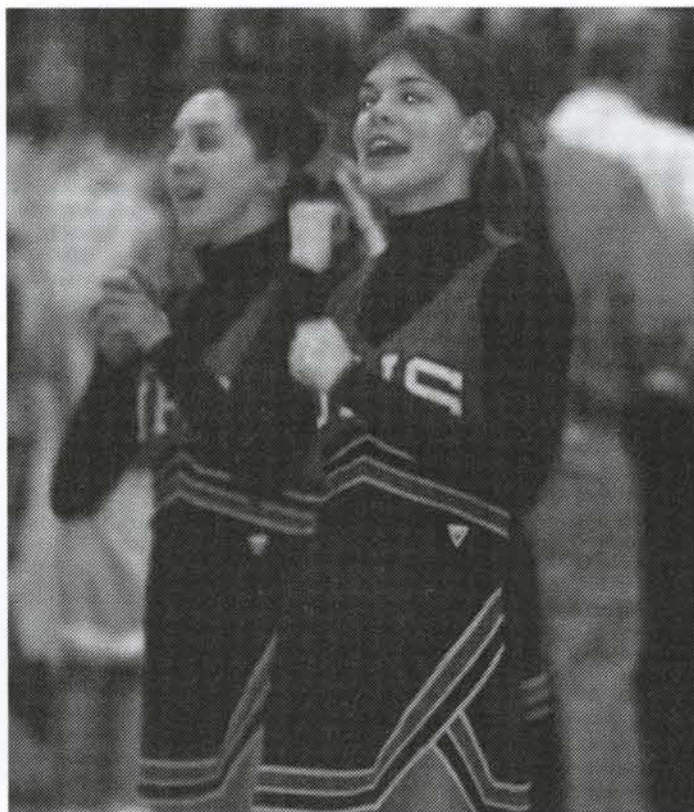
"Cheering is a year round sport. The girls put in tons of long and hard hours practicing and trying new cheers and stunts," Markert said.

The squad put in many hours to various service acts to help raise money for the team. They participated in car washes and bagged groceries to get money for new uniforms.

Just because the squad doesn't put points on the scoreboard, it doesn't mean that they can't help change the score. The squad goes out on to the floor between quarters or during a time out to get the crowd pumped up.

"Finally this year we got a lot of crowd participation. I've been waiting four years to have other people pump me up during games, so thanks to the fans for doing that," Furnald said.

With every U-High fan on their feet cheering, the sports teams seem to get new life and take their game to the next level. The squad did a great job cheering the Pioneers to many victories over the course of the football and basketball seasons.



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Sophomore Courtney McDowel (above left) raises her arms to pep up the crowd during a football game. Photograph by Mallory McCoy. [1.29.05] Junior Anne Stein (above center) performs a floor cheer along with her squad members during a time out. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [9.3.04] Senior squad captain Alese Furnald (above right) cheers the Pioneers on to victory. Photograph by Allie Jocson.

u-high club asks for more than your hair

By Drew Daudelin

Locks of Love turned three this year, and many students at U-High still don't fully understand what it is. It's not just about cutting off your hair; it's about earning money to help unfortunate kids all across the country.

Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that originated in Florida. The purpose of the organization is to raise money to buy children wigs that have suffered from cancer.

The problem? Each wig costs approximately \$1,000.

Locks of Love's goal is to sponsor one child and completely pay for their wig. To earn this money, the club has done a number of various events. This year the club has hosted a bake sale which earned about \$200, sold Bergner's coupons also earning about \$200 and organized a date auction.

This auction is the most popular Locks of Love event. Five males and females from the junior and senior classes participated in it this year.

Those involved in the junior class were Miguel Baez, Nick Grieco, Tyler McNeely, Ryan Wahlheim, Nick Zimmerman, Bobbie Braun, Alex

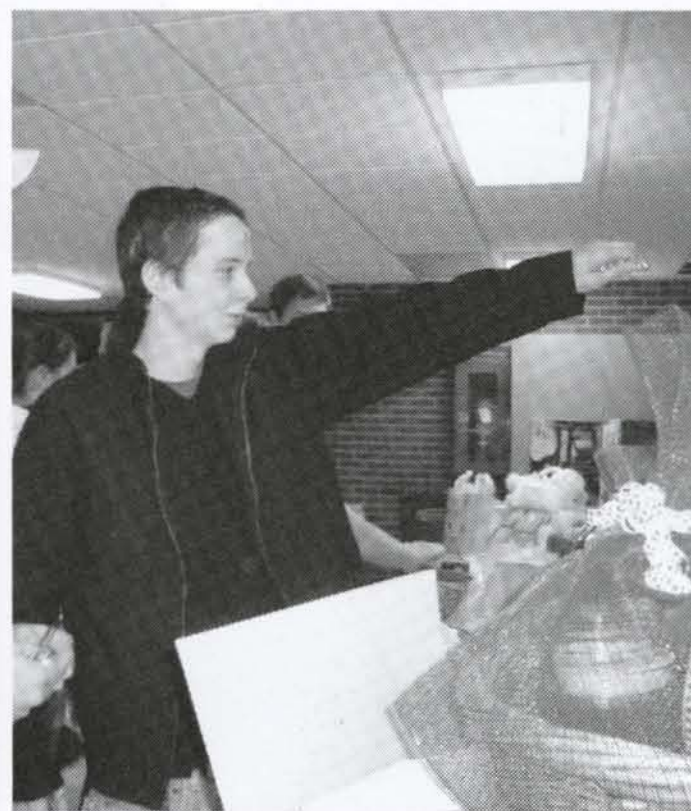
Clark-Payne, Andrea Davis, Krissa Kaisner, and Jenna Whitehart. The ten individuals made over \$175.

One of the most popular prizes included a George Forman grill and Castle Theatre tickets. Davis came with these prizes and totaled \$28. McNeely was also a popular choice including five free tans from South Beach and earrings and going for \$25.

Tom Alldridge, Armando Baez, Mikey McMillan, Patrick Turner, Pat Whitaker & Andrew Lenart (2 for 1), Allie Jocson, Mallory McCoy, Anna Schilawski, Keely Scott and Alyssa Scritchlow were the seniors involved.

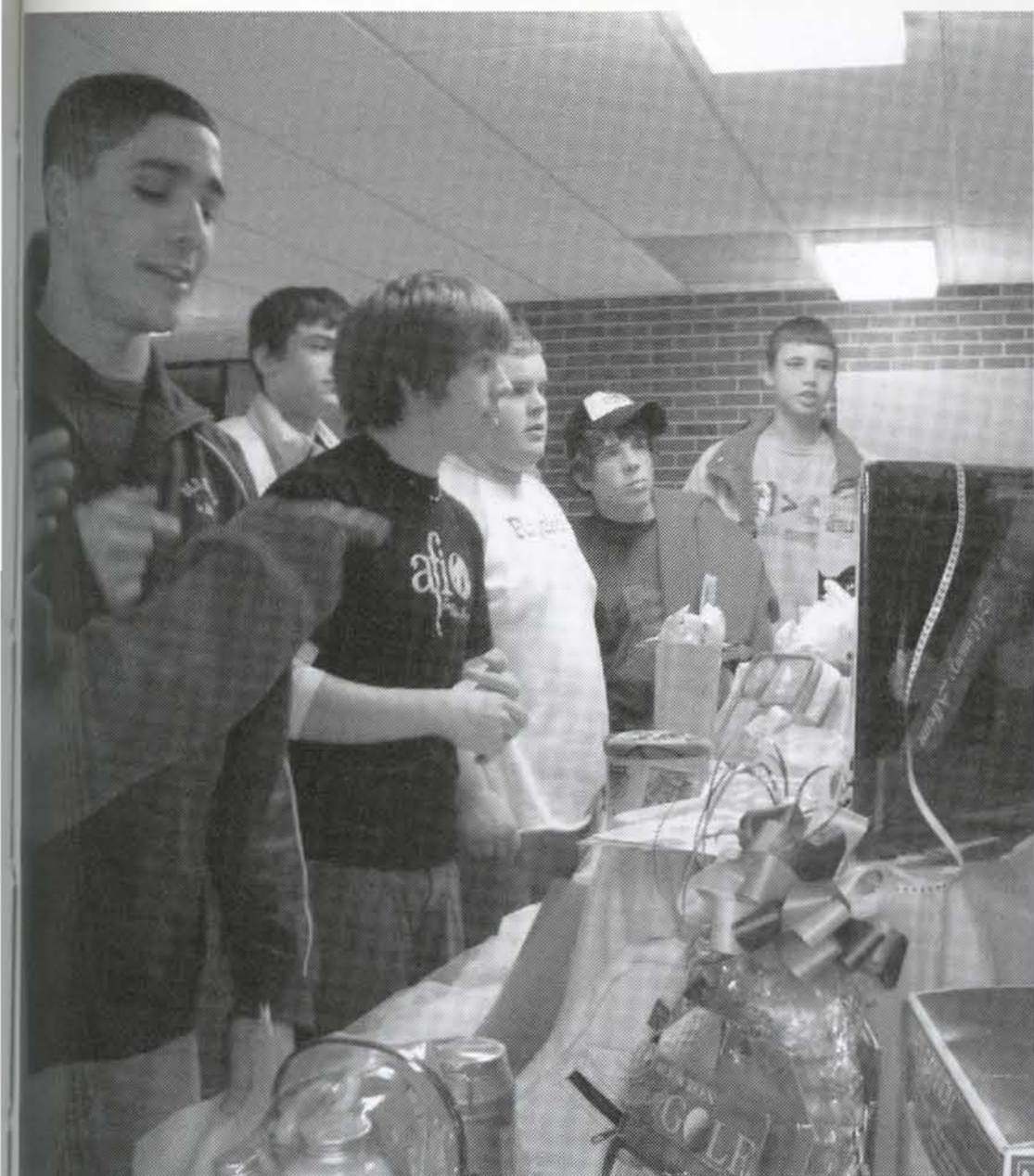
Jocson went for \$26 and included prizes of a pink tie, car wash and money counter. Baez came with scrapbook supplies and a GKC Theater movie basket totaling \$25. The senior class made almost \$200 in profit.

While most of the bidders did not understand what exactly they were spending money on, the date auction made almost \$400. Most looked only to buy the person or product. Little did they know, they were buying so much more.



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Seniors Sara Garriott and Erica Rohren (above left) work together at the Date Auction. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [1.9.05] Bidders such as junior Ryan Wahlheim (above center) points to which date he wants. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [1.9.05] Seniors Amy Pacilio and Laura Prault (above right) explain to a bidder about the auction. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



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Sophomores Liz Harbers and Catherine Butts (below) supervise the auction.
Photograph by Allie Jocson.
[1.9.05] A group of gentlemen (far left) check out the dates offered at the auction.
Photograph by Allie Jocson.
[1.9.05] Senior Sara Garriott keeps track of bids at the Date Auction. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



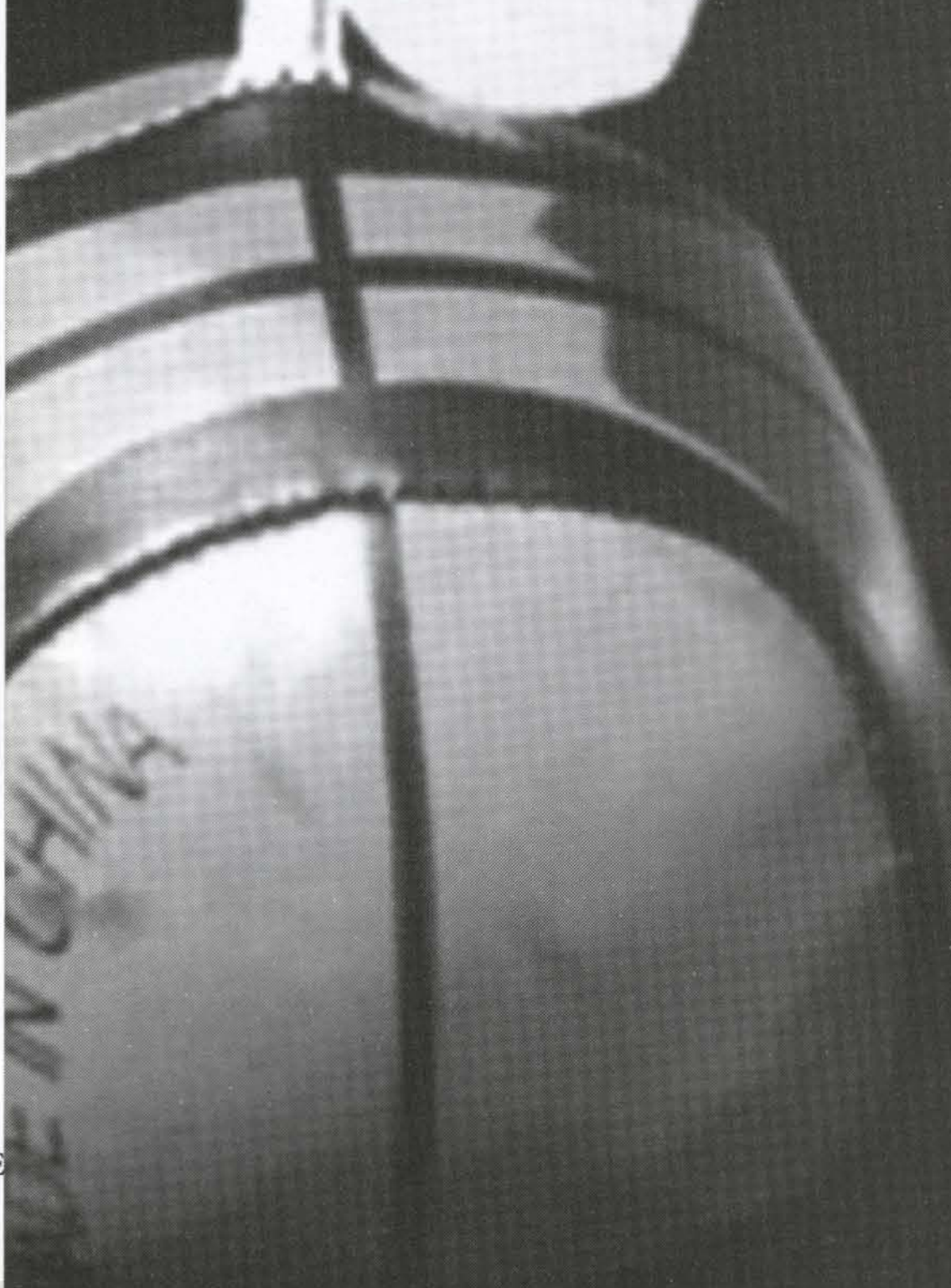
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BY SARAH
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It is hard to imagine why someone would ever be excited about going into a surgery. Most people before getting surgeries done would be at least worried, if not in a complete panic. Caitlin Lartz and Mike Busch, however, had a lot to look forward to.

In June of 2004 both Lartz and Busch had major surgeries that altered the way they looked as well as many other things.

Lartz knew at a young age that there were going to be many difficulties ahead for her involving dental care. Her lower jaw was growing at a faster rate than her upper. She would need to get corrective surgery to fix this problem. For Lartz, this was her first surgery. The decision to have the surgery done was made based on doctor and parent opinion. "I had to get it done for medical reasons, to prevent further damage," Lartz said.

The surgery consisted of moving the lower jaw back in order for it to be aligned with the upper jaw. Parts of Lartz's face would also need to be rearranged because of the surgery. She had to have implants put into her cheeks and chin and her nose was altered by removing the septum (the thin membrane that separates two masses of tissue in the nose). "It was kind of like a mini nose job," Lartz said.

Busch's surgery also entailed having work done to his nose, as well as his ears. Busch made the decision in 2004 to fix the things about his appearance that he didn't like. With the help of doctors and a computer imaging program, Busch picked out what he wanted his new look to be. "You get to play around with the program and show the doctors what you want. It can't show you exactly but you can get a general idea," Busch said.

To begin the surgery the doctors first chiseled out the cartilage in the nose and then broke it so that they could set it in the position decided upon. After the nose was set the doctors moved on to the ears. The ears were cut back and the cartilage was removed. They were then pushed closer to his head and sewn back together.

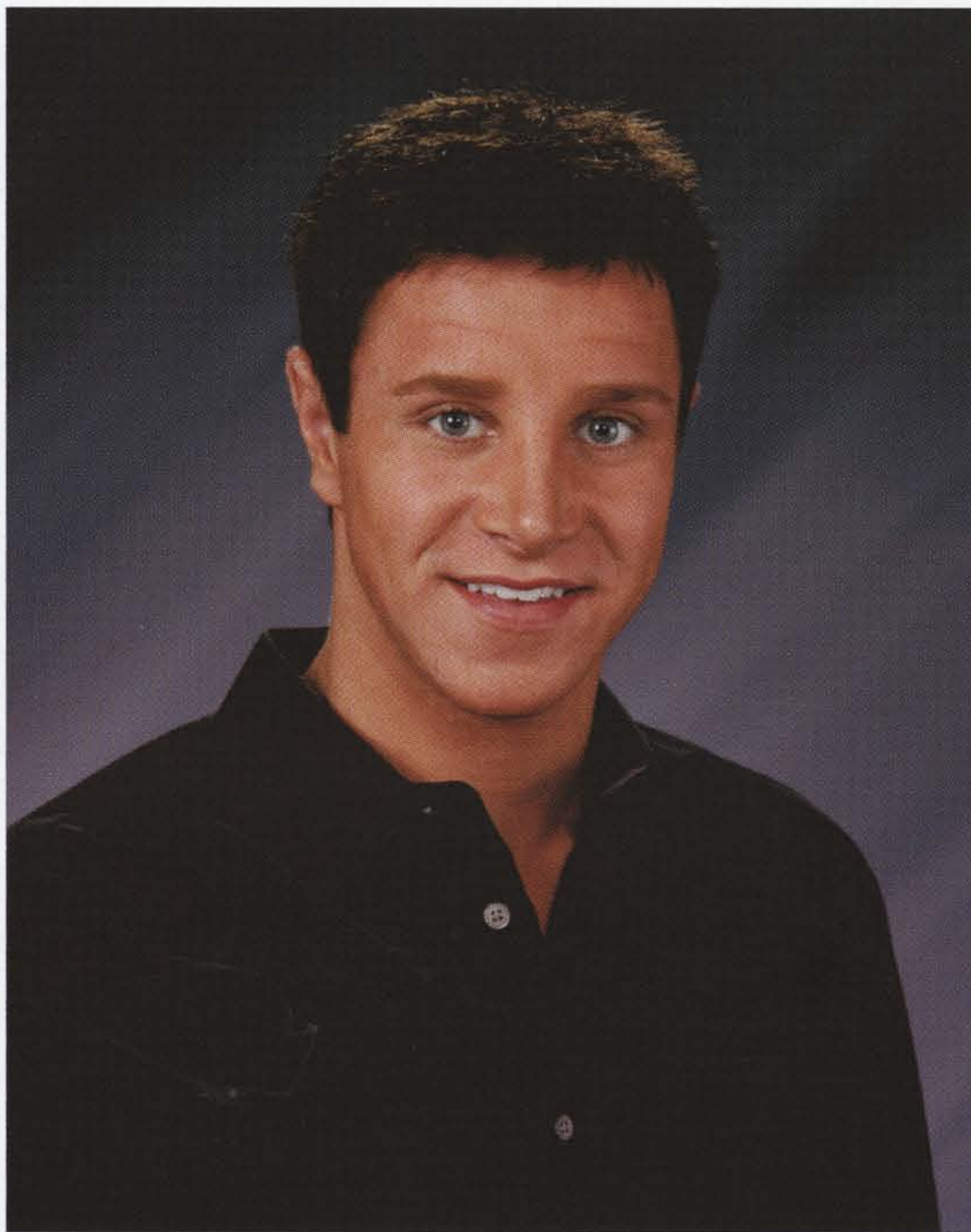
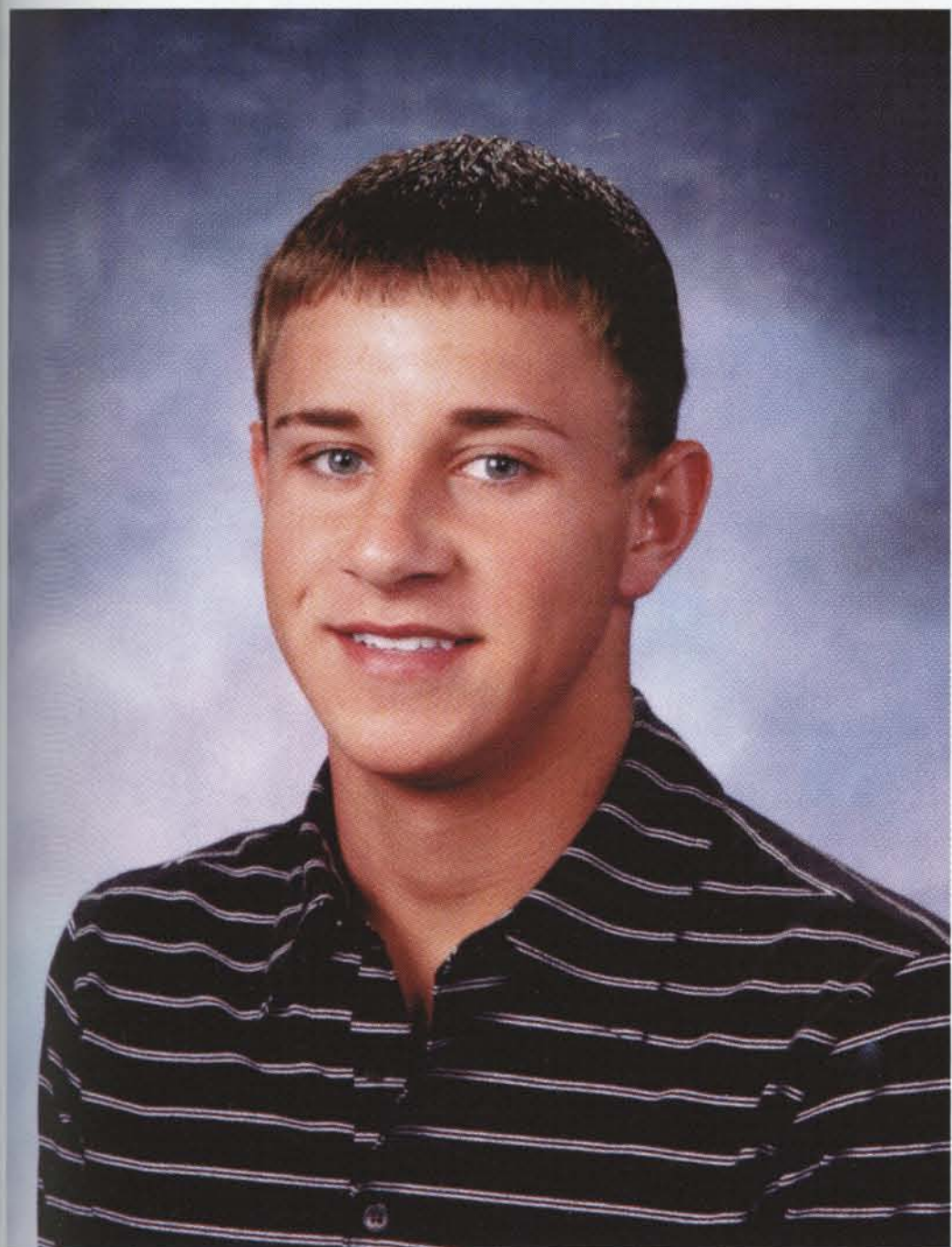
Busch's surgery caused him immense amounts of pain. "I don't think I slept for four days and my ears bled for two weeks. I basically didn't leave the house for two weeks," Busch said.

Lartz on the other hand had to deal mostly with not being able to feel anything at all. Her jaw was completely numb. For three weeks she couldn't really talk. "I was walking around saying mostly things that sounded like 'wow, why, watermelon'." Lartz said.

The bad, however, did not outweigh the good. For the first time Lartz was able to breathe out of her nose, something most people take for granted. "You can't imagine how amazing it feels to be able to breathe out of your nose when you haven't been able to your entire life," Lartz said. When she was finally able to eat solid food again Lartz was really impressed by another thing she had been missing out on. Her teeth had never been able to come together. "I had no idea people ate like that," Lartz said.

Busch was pleased with his results as well. The operation made him less conscious of the things that he didn't like before. "The major change is that they [ears and nose] just don't bother me anymore," Busch said.

Mike Busch



Mike Busch had plastic surgery done on his ears and nose during the summer of 2004. Far left: Busch's junior picture. Left: Busch's senior picture.



Caitlin Lartz had surgery done on her jaw and had implants put into her nose, cheeks, and chin. Far left: Picture taken earlier in Lartz's high school career. Left: Picture taken in the summer of 2004 after the surgery.

Caitlin Lartz

Closer To

By Jimmy Collins

After undergoing testing it was determined that Dirk Smid had a brain tumor. Fortunately it wasn't cancerous but radiation was still necessary. The tumor could still have taken his life.

Sophomore Clair Smid has always had a close relationship with her father, math teacher Dirk Smid. A lot of students would find it annoying to have their father around all the time at school but Clair's point of view is different. She likes the fact that if she needs money for lunch or a ride home or to a friend's house he is there to help her out.

The comfortable aspect of Clair and her father's relationship was altered when, in Clair's 7th grade year, her father was diagnosed with a brain tumor.

"My dad had to go to Iowa City for treatment for five weeks so we did not get to see him very often. When he did come home on the weekends we spent all the time we had together," Clair said.

The family tried to just take everything in stride but to have Dirk be miles away going through treatments was a huge strain on the family. In order to eventually have him at home, however, they knew the distance was crucial.

"Iowa City was the best place in the country to go. There were only five places in the U.S. that could do for me what they could do and when you're put in a life or death situation, how far away it is doesn't really matter," Dirk said.

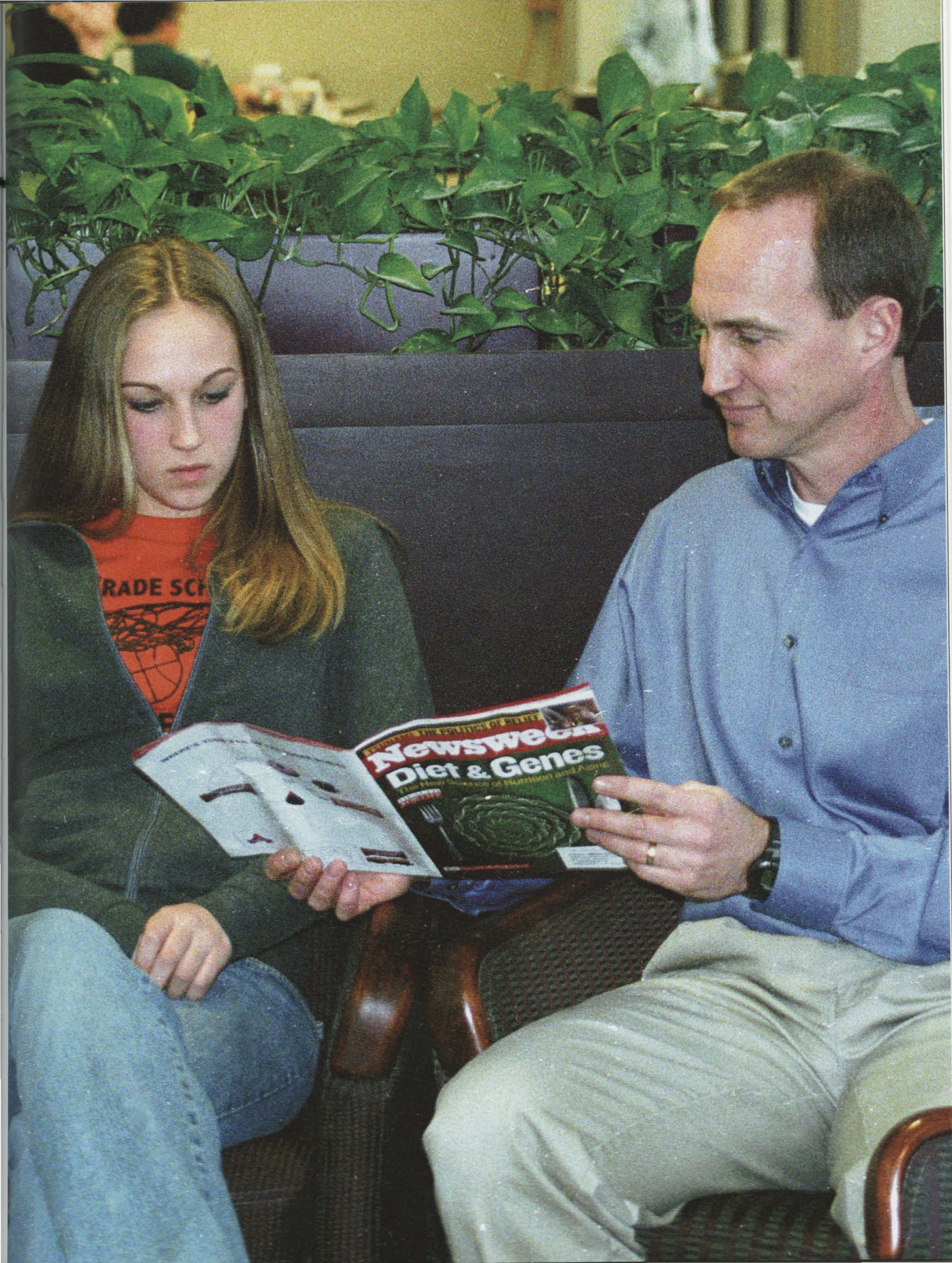
After months of radiation treatments, the tumor stopped growing but the Smid family's lives were permanently changed. Not only does Dirk still have to go to regular check-ups every six weeks to a year, but the family discovered a great deal about themselves and one another through this trying event.

"The whole experience strengthened my faith and my family's faith in God. The experience really brought us closer together and helped us to become the family we are now," Clair said.

The Smid family members have always been religious and are active members of their church. Dirk gives a lot of his time to the church by ushering and volunteering as well as teaching a Sunday school class. The family is also active in U-High's school ministries. Dirk is the sponsor of U-High's Fellowship of Christian Athletes group and Clair is a member. The Smid family as a whole places their religion above everything else in their lives, especially now.

"It's not just science that helped me win the battle. I feel that there was definitely some divine intervention there," Dirk said.

My Father



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After 12 years of swimming, Meaghan Schiller pinched a nerve in her shoulder and ended her last season early

By Chelcei Fisher

Swimming defines Megan Schiller. Swimming has always been a way of life for her. She started swimming around the age of six and first competitively swam with the Marlins. When she got a job with Normal Parks and Recreation, she swam for them. She started her freshman year at U-High an extremely experienced swimmer.

Schiller expected to end this season swimming her heart out at the state meet but things took quite a turn this year when she started having unusual shoulder pain. "I went to the doctor to get it looked at. We knew something was wrong because of the continuous pain, but we just couldn't point out a specific problem," Schiller said.

Further test results concluded that a block of nerves were being pinched off by a bone in her chest. "The pinched nerve created even more problems for me. It sent pain down my whole arm, making swimming pretty painful," Schiller said.

The pain was unbearable. The injury made her miss the first part of this swimming season. She started practicing a few days before the early October Peoria Richwoods meet, in hopes of competing that weekend.

"I went to get a cortisone shot the day before the meet to try to numb the pain enough so that I could swim," Schiller said, "I was really nervous it was going to hurt, but there was nothing I could do about it. I was very excited to be back in the pool, though."

For the time that she was back, she was an asset to the team. Her performance was a little disappointing to her though. "I did all right, but I could have done better if the injury wasn't playing into my performance," she said.

Unfortunately, shortly after her return, the pain was bad enough that she decided to end her season. "It was a really stressful because I did not want to give it up," Schiller said.

Schiller's final seasons should have been filled with excitement and anticipation. "It was supposed to be my last shot, sort of a culmination of all the hard work I put into swimming my whole life," Schiller said. Instead it was filled with pain and disappointment.

"It was really hard at first. I was so used to going to swim practice right after school. It was weird seeing all my friends and teammates getting ready for practice. I couldn't get in the pool with them, instead I had to go home," Schiller said.

Quick, Switch, Click

By Catherine Anhalt

They came from all over; as close as Metcalf and Chiddix and as far away as Tri Valley and Lexington. Four years ago, 163 students from over a dozen junior high schools made the decision of coming to U-High. Whether they like it or not, that decision has changed their life forever. The knowledge learned here, but more importantly the people met, will stay with all of them the rest of their lives. The close friendships made will go on through the years.

"I can't imagine my life without them [my friends]," senior Keely Scott said.

When this year's seniors first walked through the halls of U-High they did not have these types of relationships with their friends. For most seniors, the friends they had freshman year are completely different than their friends now. Change in personal character and behavior contributes a lot to this.

"I have become a lot more open with people and more willing to try different things," senior Ashley Ropp said.

"I've learned how to accept other people as opposed to pointing out their flaws," senior Lane Miller said.

Finding a unique identity is also very important during the high school years. As students mature, they are becoming adults. They are starting to grow and become their own exceptional person. Each one is slipping out of the stereotypical group image and becoming individuals.

"I can't believe the difference of maturity, awareness and openness. I stopped living in my friend's shadows and became my own person," Scott said.

With everyone changing during the years of high school,

groups of friends are bound to change as well. As the years pass, switching from friend to friend or clique to clique becomes very common. It isn't unusual for someone to be best friends one year then complete strangers another.

"I think people love the feeling of having something fresh and new. People just get tired of the same old thing and are just looking for something else. And people with similar interests group themselves together," Savage said.

"Feeling secure and fitting in I think plays a big roll in having different groups of friends," Ropp said.

"I think the people you surround yourself with really makes who you are," Scott said.

Over the years in high school, more mature friendship occurs. With students getting older, it's only natural for adult relationships to begin to form. This type of mature relationship is one that these young adults will continue to have in the future.

"You care less about what people think. Then you can hang with the group you agree with rather than the ones you want to be like," Miller said.

"As you get older you realize how people work, what you're like and who they are really starts to come out," Savage said.

From the instability of early friendships, one might see high school as a terrible time to find oneself or life long friends. By senior year, the students have matured into young adults and left their adolescence behind. So whether they were a wildcat, charger or knight, the friends here at U-High are now and forever Pioneers.





BY SARAH CHARLES

Modeling is not as easy as it seems.

Just ask senior Tiara Randle, who has been doing pageants for two years.

"You have to mentally check over yourself from head to toe constantly to make sure you are doing everything right for the judges. It is completely different from your everyday walk," Randle said.

Modeling isn't just for Barbies with beautiful smiles, ideal bodies, and gorgeous hair. Although, having these qualities won't hurt when trying to get into the business.

"Getting the model walk down to perfection takes a lot of practice. The perfect walk consists of great posture, a long neck, chest out, stomach in, hips forward, legs in line, squeezed buttocks, and all in three inch heel," senior Candace Collins explained. Collins has been doing modeling and pageants for almost two years.

"It has taken me about three months in the past to get prepared for a pageant," Randle said.

In this time period Randle had to find sponsors to raise over \$1,000.00, she also had to find outfits, along with the perfect accessories. Any girl can vouch that finding the perfect outfit and accessories could take three months alone.

"A lot of your own pocket money is used, but it's worth it in the end," Randle said.

Randle started doing pageants at the age of 16. She won the first pageant she participated in, making her, Miss Boys and Girls Club 2004.

Collins started modeling at the age of 17. Her first pageant was the National American Miss Teen Illinois, where she won Miss Personality. This award was meaningful to Collins, because it was voted on by her peers.

Randle can get a little intimidated at times because of the girls' catty and rude competitive nature backstage.

Randle shook her head with a disgusted smile on her face as she recalled what it was like at the last pageant she participated in;

"It was something else. I have never been in the same room with that many panicking girls and self tanner products," Randle said.

Randle has been featured in The Voice Magazine once and The Pantagraph twice, and hopes it doesn't end there.

Collins has also been featured in The Pantagraph twice. You also may have seen her in the message from The McLean County Health Department Teen's Promoting Abstinence commercial.

"I was a junior when the commercial was airing and there were seniors approaching me saying 'Hey, aren't you the girl that was making out with that guy on T.V., yeah, I saw you,'" Collins said, remembering how embarrassing it was for her to hear everyone's comments.

Randle considers doing pageants a hobby and doesn't let her hobby consume her life. She tries to stay down to Earth, and not become obsessive.

Randle won't let her pageants ruin her appetite either.

She can't help but laugh "I eat what I want," Randle said.

"I'm going to be Miss Illinois one day, just you wait,"

Randle said sarcastically.

Collins views modeling as a way to pay for college, taking modeling more seriously and viewing each and every opportunity that arises a blessing.

Collins said she feels that modeling really pulled everything together for her. She is in three choirs, decorates, does printing jobs (graphic art), freelances, and when needed, plays the piano in her choir.

But at the end of the day, Collins' biggest concern is being a good responsible role model for her younger sister.

A woman with dark hair is posing against a dark background. She is wearing a black short-sleeved top and black pinstriped pants. She is smiling and looking over her shoulder at the camera. Her right hand is on her hip, and her left hand is resting on her thigh. The text "ON THE CATWALK" is overlaid in a stylized, outlined font across the lower half of the image.

ON THE CATWALK

Going Against The Grain

By Allie Jocson

As each eighth grade graduate walks out of their junior high for the last time, they realize that they will soon be thrust into a completely new environment. Change drastically grabs a hold of their lives and high school begins.

It's hard to go from being the oldest in junior high to the youngest in high-school. A freshman. The lowest rung on the ladder of adolescence. Skinny, under-developed teens are forced into orientation groups with the hopes of finding their best friend. Four years ago, senior Kelley Knapp had the same experience.

"I was awkward, introverted, dependent, and naive," Knapp said.

It's the story of every high school freshman. Cliques, gossip, and masked personalities dominated her life and it wasn't until later down the road that she realized the depth she could reach.

"I always envisioned this way people viewed me and it was important how others saw me. Now I'm at the point in my life where I dismiss negative criticism," Knapp said.

The gradual change took place after junior year and Knapp became much more confident and outgoing. She began to associate with the people she wanted to be with and decided to self-educate herself.

"I was raised in a Catholic household where my morals and beliefs were handed to me. I guess self-education derives from realizing lack of culture. I'd rather be more worldly, assimilate with different beliefs, and not do it for my own benefit," Knapp said.

With one year to go, she is truly letting others see her true self. Her unique taste in music is an important part of her life. While some do not understand, Knapp has connected with friends who are going through the same thought processes.

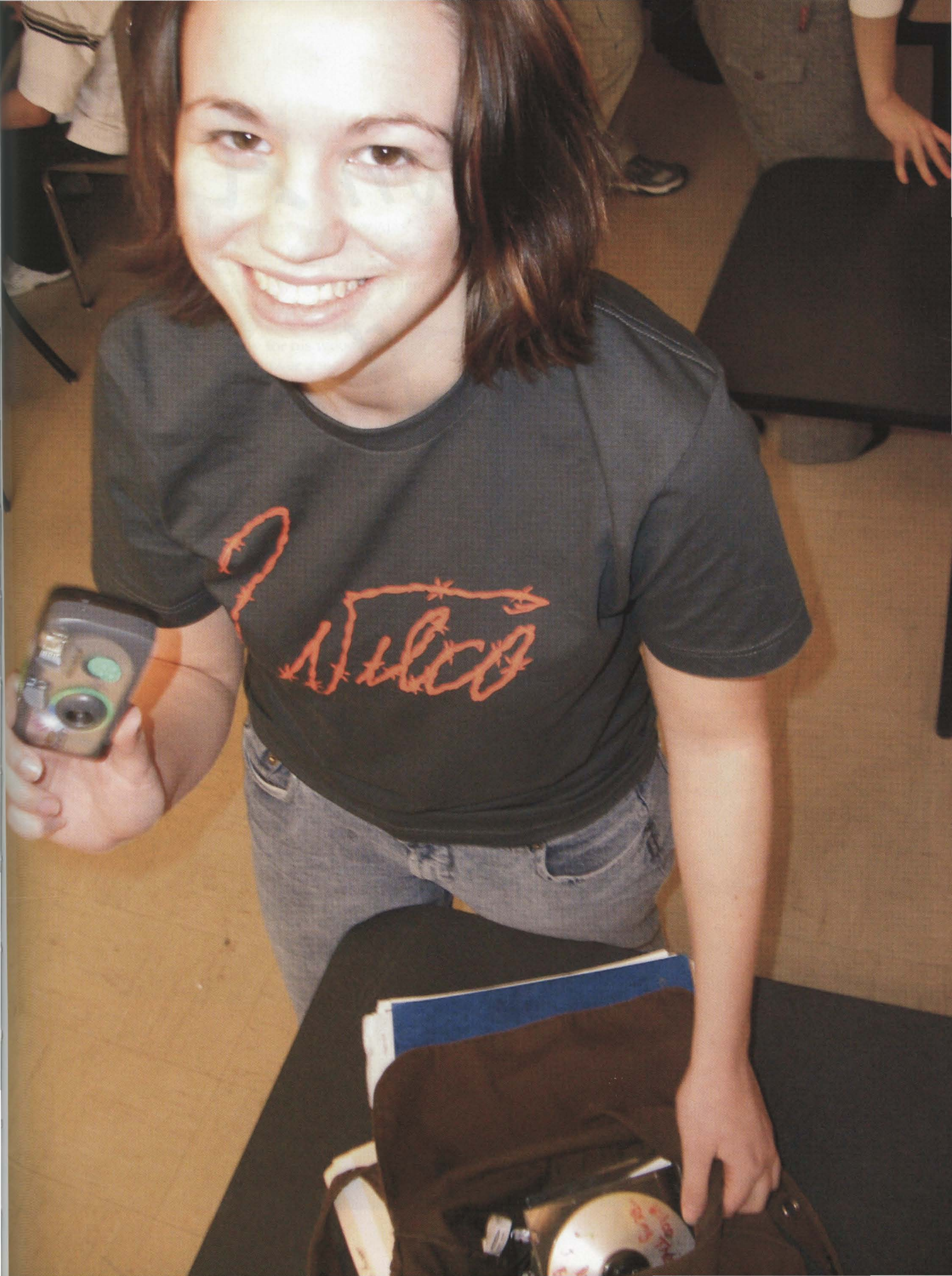
"Freshman year I tried to identify with people that I related to in a shallow sense. All we had in common was music and social standings," Knapp said, "Now my friends are eccentric and I can relate to them on a political and ideal level."

When looking around at fellow seniors, she sees others changing as well. With the capability of relating to anyone she wants, Knapp is still drawn towards her friends who are like her because of the stronger pull towards those who are self-driven and independent.

Over time Knapp has pinpointed that these aren't the best years of her life. Looking forward to the future, she realized that many value their high school years a great deal and that she isn't one of them.

Her outlook on life has changed. "I isolated my true feelings to keep a respectable appearance. Now I know that I shouldn't have harbored the fear to express myself," Knapp said.





Thrown A CURVE Ball



By Kevin O'Malley

Injuries are a part of every athlete's life. Everyday they participate they are putting themselves in the face of danger. Incidents are common and easily dealt with like pulling a muscle running for track or getting a broken finger making a tackle in football. In the case of Josh Heimerdinger's fluke baseball accident, other factors came into play.

It was the first game of many for his wooden bat team, which he had been awaiting for over a month. Even though Heimerdinger hadn't gotten a hit yet and had already broken his lucky wooden bat he still had a fairly high spirit. He was playing center field for his wooden bat team during an away game at Decatur it was the sixth inning and the score was close.

A shallow pop fly came his way, alert and ready as always, Heimerdinger came charging in to make a difficult play. He caught the ball in the very tip of his glove while sprinting as fast as he could. The runner on third base was unaware of Heimerdinger's spectacular catch and was trying to run home. Determined to double off the base runner, an off balanced Heimerdinger threw an awkward side armed heave to third base as hard as his small frame would allow him.

All of a sudden there was a sickening pop. "It was disgusting. The worst sound I've heard in my life. I don't even know how to describe it. My friends said they could hear it in the dugouts. I just dropped to the ground and grabbed my arm," Heimerdinger said.

At first it appeared to Heimerdinger, who had never broken a bone in his life, that he had a dislocated arm. This injury would be much more severe than he first imagined. As he withered on the ground in unbelievable agony, screaming his lungs out, the paramedics raced to the scene. A group of teammates managed to carry Heimerdinger off the field and into the dugout. He then proceeded to watch the remainder of the game, because of the exceptionally long time the ambulance took to arrive.

Finally, after a wait which "seemed like ten thousand centuries," Heimerdinger's father, John, decided to take matters into his own hands. John grabbed his truck from the parking lot and gently set Josh inside. They raced along the bumpy streets of Decatur rapidly getting closer to the hospital as Josh's elbow flopped with pain on every turn in the road.

Once the tortuous ride came to an end and they made it to the hospital, his dad, with the assistance of a nurse, wheeled him up to a small hospital room. As he waited patiently for the aid of doctoral support, he flipped the TV remote with his only functioning arm. Of all the game shows and sitcoms that could have been displayed, the program that appeared was none other than the Little League World Series on ESPN. Obviously this didn't help his temperament one bit.

After about a thirty minute wait, a doctor came into the room and began the puzzled attempt to name the cause of Heimerdinger's shattered arm. After further examination and x-rays the doctor concluded that the right humerus (the bone that connects the elbow to the shoulder) was completely torn apart by just one awkward throw.

Some of the details of the injury were now evident but the cause had the doctors and family members alike in a haze of bewilderment. The hospital decided it would be best to bring in a specialist to take a look at a series of bone scans; it didn't take long to find the conclusion of the problem.

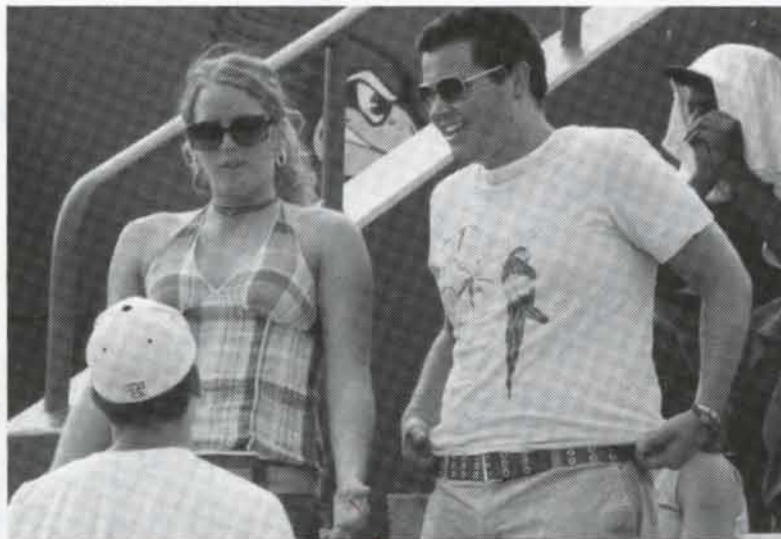
The specialist discovered that Heimerdinger had a genetic disease called Fibrous Dysplasia. In his case, his right humerus had mutated bone marrow, making his right humerus nearly hollow. This explained why the simple torque from an off balanced throw could shatter his right arm.

The only question that Heimerdinger wanted answered now was how quickly he could get back to playing. "I couldn't wait to get back on the baseball field, I knew that the recovery would be a long and difficult road, but I didn't care. My love of that sport was just too great for me to let anything get in my way," Heimerdinger said.

The recovery started with a series of training programs at Gold's Gym. Beginning three weeks after the break, it had not even been a month since his traumatic baseball experience and he was already chomping at the bit to get back to his most beloved sport. After dozens of meetings with a physical therapist and countless hours spent training with medicine balls, rubber band calisthenics and strength exercises, Josh went to the physical therapist for one last time.

On December 25, Heimerdinger got the best Christmas present he could possibly imagine; a clearance from his doctor to throw a baseball again. That Christmas morning Heimerdinger and his dad ventured out into an open gymnasium and while other children were running downstairs to open Christmas presents and sitting down for a nice Christmas breakfast, the father and son duo again turned to one of their favorite pastimes. Heimerdinger now has the knowledge and courage that comes from prevailing this painful obstacle and his father came away with a newfound respect for his triumphant son.

"If you're really passionate and devoted to a cause, you have to first decide if the cause is worth all the work and effort. If you decide the cause is worth the work then you have to give it everything and not let a single thing stand in your way. But speaking in terms of sports injuries, it was helpful for me to just remember the day of the accident, it gave me motivation to overcome the injury and get back to where I started," Heimerdinger said.



Every Senior

It's the first thing you hear as a freshman and it comes to be one of the last things that seniors will say as they walk out.

"It goes by so fast."

Coming in freshman year it is thought by most that the friends they have at that moment, the activities they are involved in, and the things that they believe won't change. They think that in four years they will be the same as they are right then and that they have all the time in the world to cherish it.

What students don't know is that as the years stream by right in front of their faces, the moments change them. The experiences that they have alter every aspect of their lives. They're stuck trying to find where they fit in, what they think, and what they want to do.

For three years stability is built up. Stability with friends, with teachers, with life in general.

Senior year comes and it finally feels as though you've got it made. When seniors watch a varsity football game, it's all of their friends who are playing. When seniors arrive at the See You at the Pole Rally, it's someone they have spent four years with who is speaking. Life is good.

But then they blink.

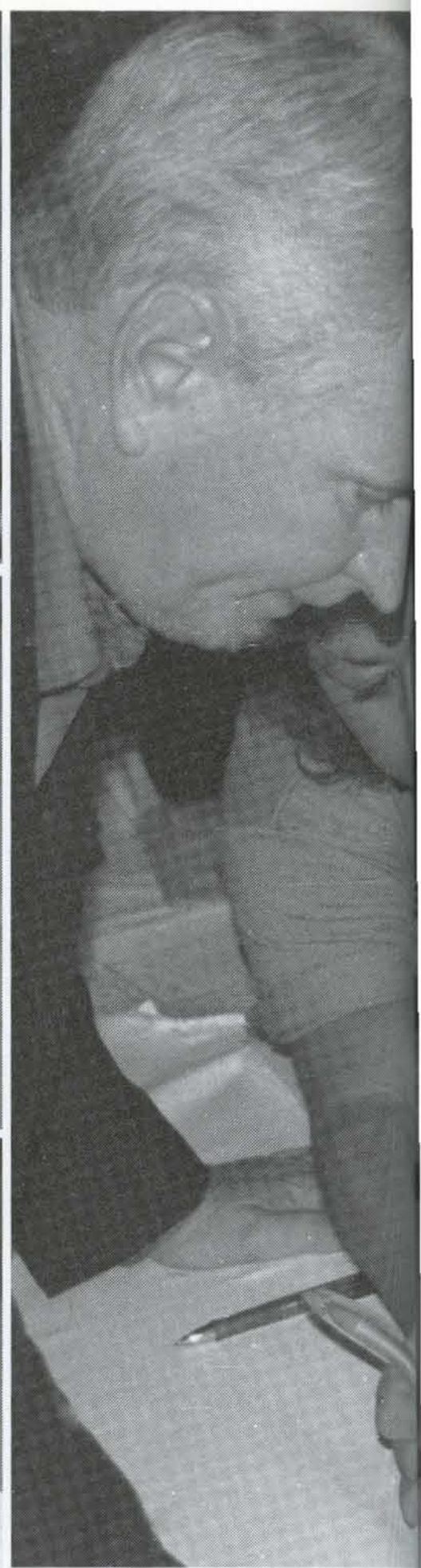
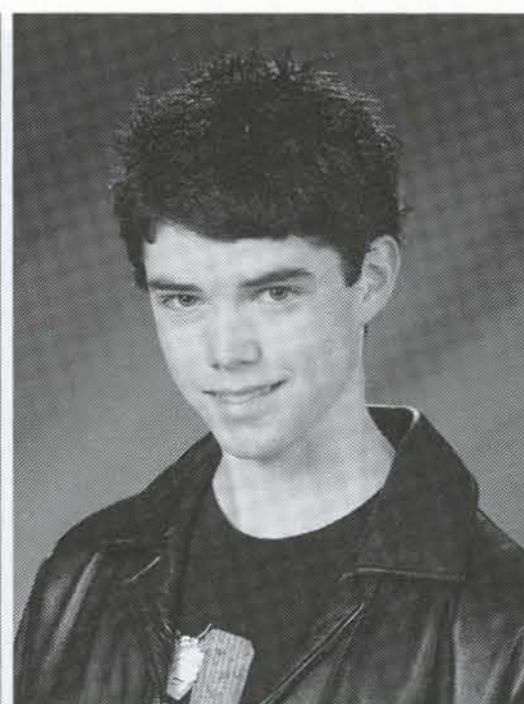
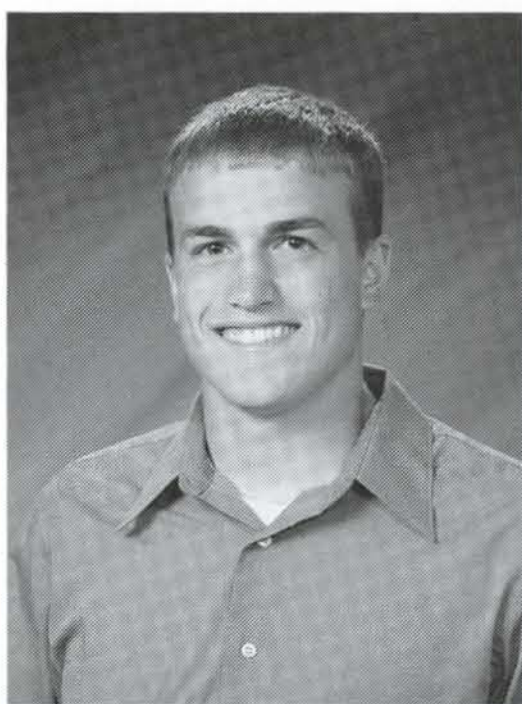
In a flash they are walking across the stage in Braden Auditorium and being handed their diplomas. Together they look out into the crowd and realize that their stability has vanished. Seniors are once again being thrown into a world that is unknown.

The words that once weren't believed are now flashing through everyone's minds.

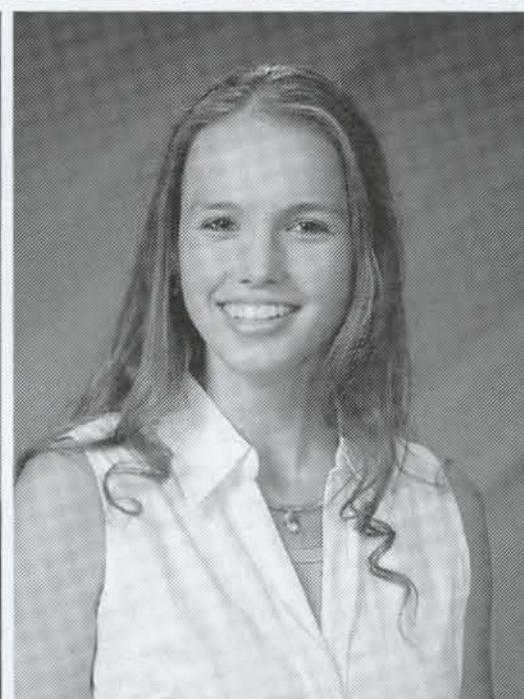
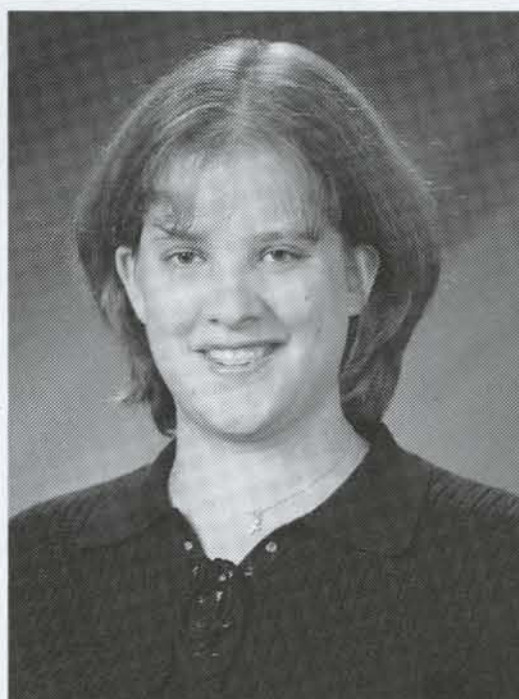
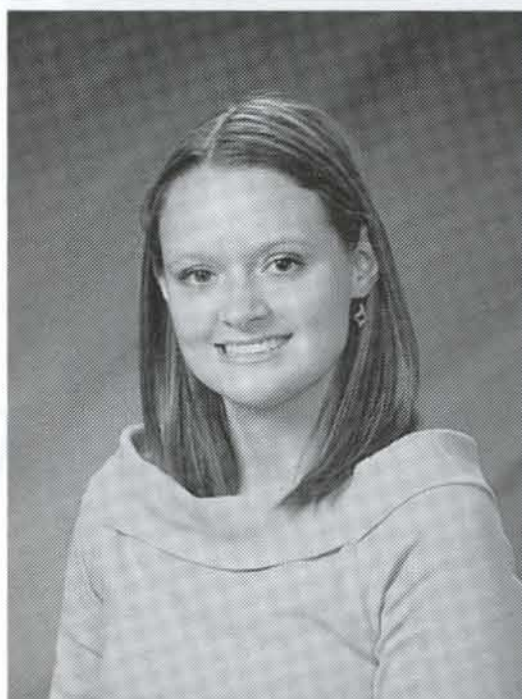
"It goes by so fast." [By Sarah Hall. Photographs by Mallory McCoy and Allie Jocson.]



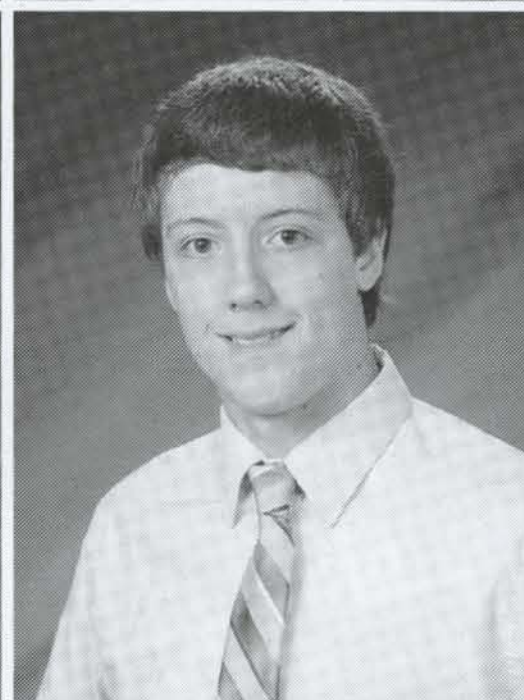
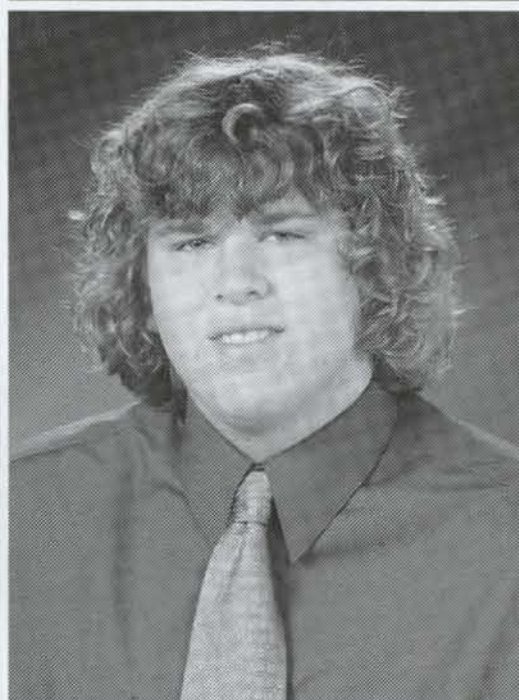
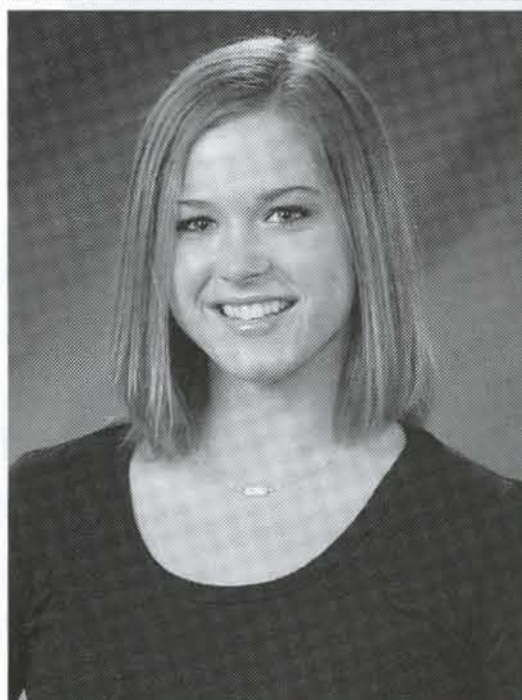
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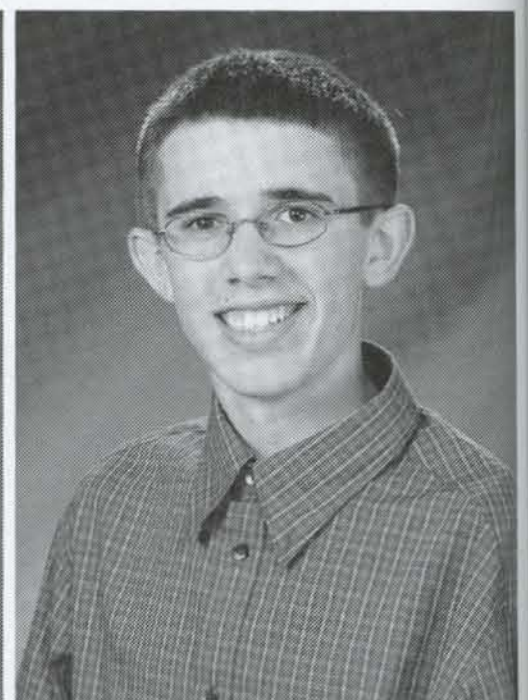
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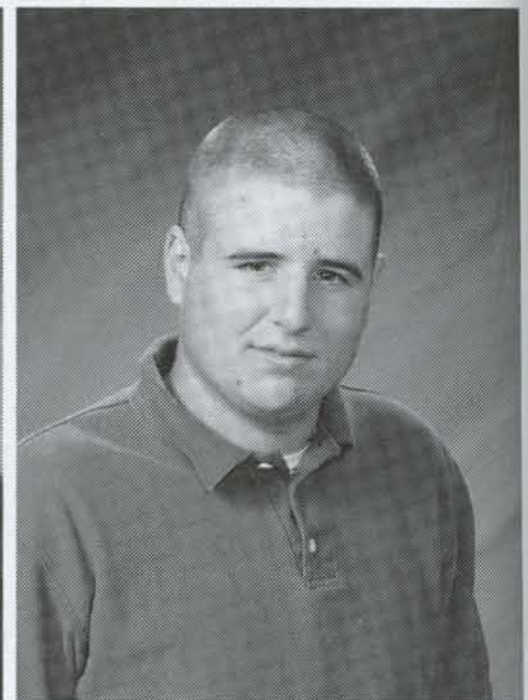
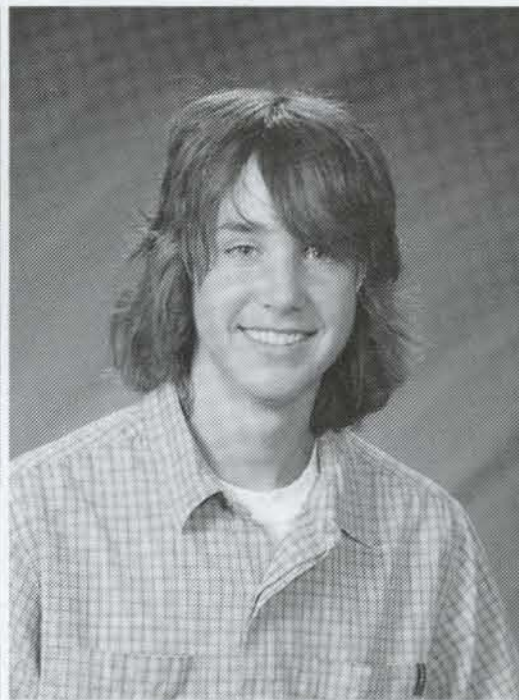
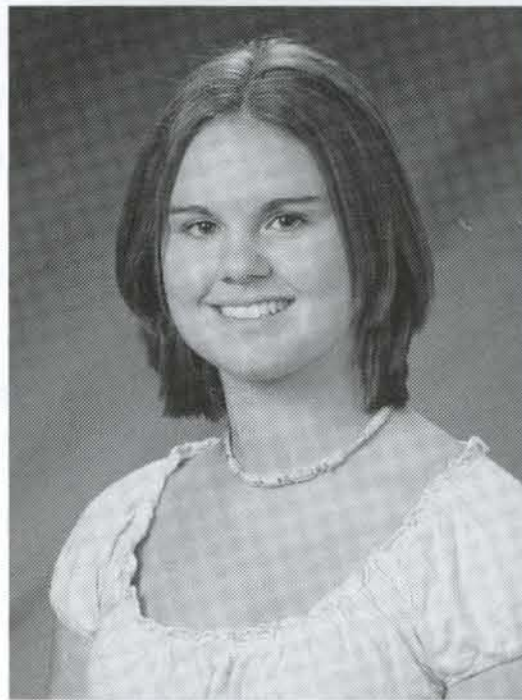
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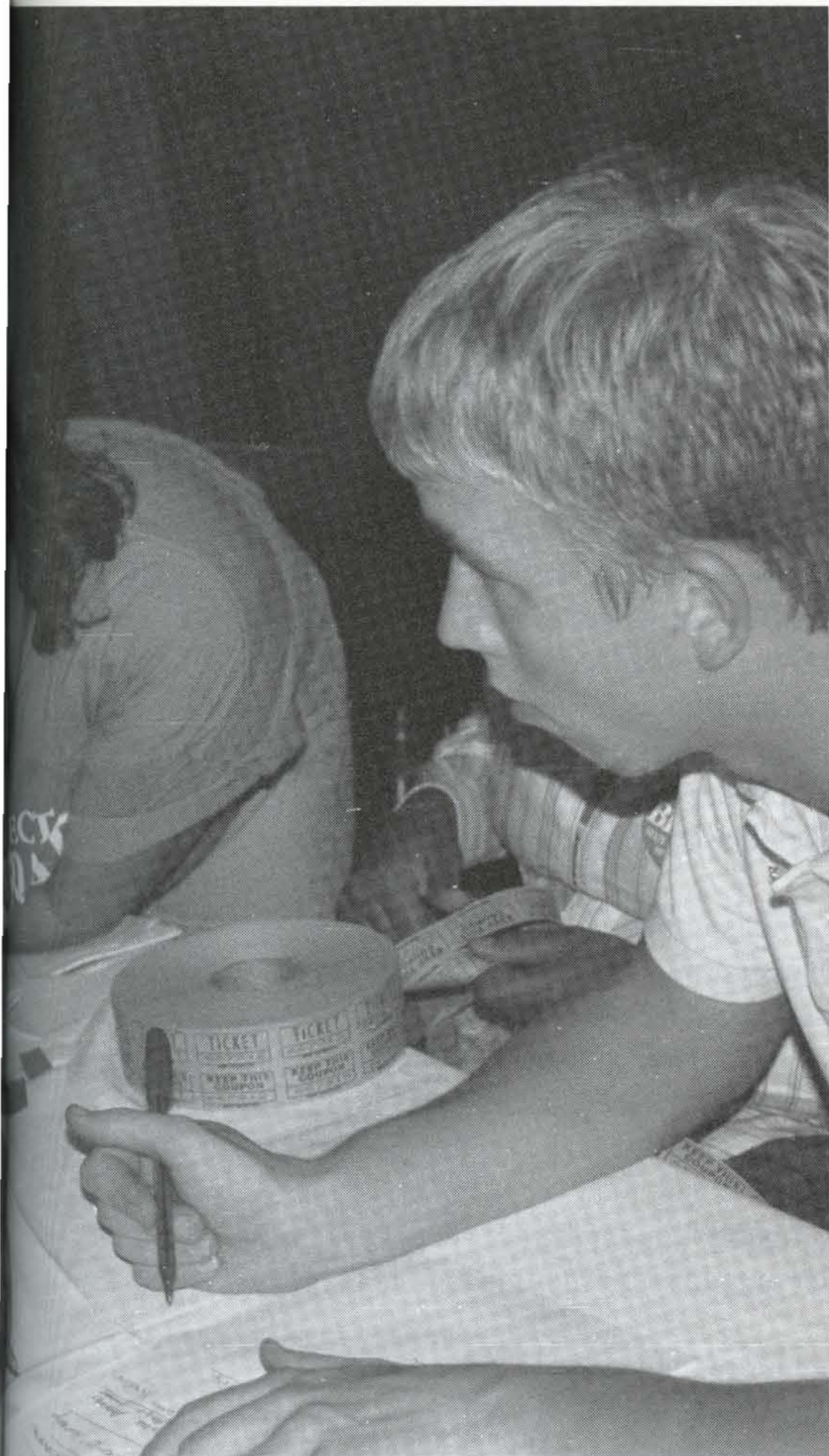


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Representing the Representative

While being involved in many U-High activities, Matt Lehner expands his resumé by representing State Representative Dan Brady

By Alyssa Solava

Matt Lehner is a drum major, a Great Harvest Bread Company employee and also a sign language interpreter. Of all of the things he does, the activities he is most passionate about is his internship for State Representative Dan Brady. He is the only teenage intern and works anywhere from two to ten hours a week.

"I help with all the nuts and bolts of the campaign," Lehner said. He has helped set up fundraising campaigns, parades that Brady has walked in, and helped with mass mailings.

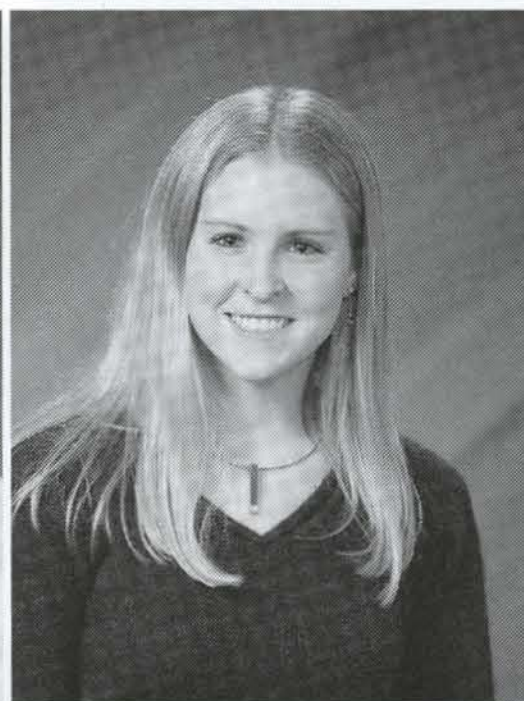
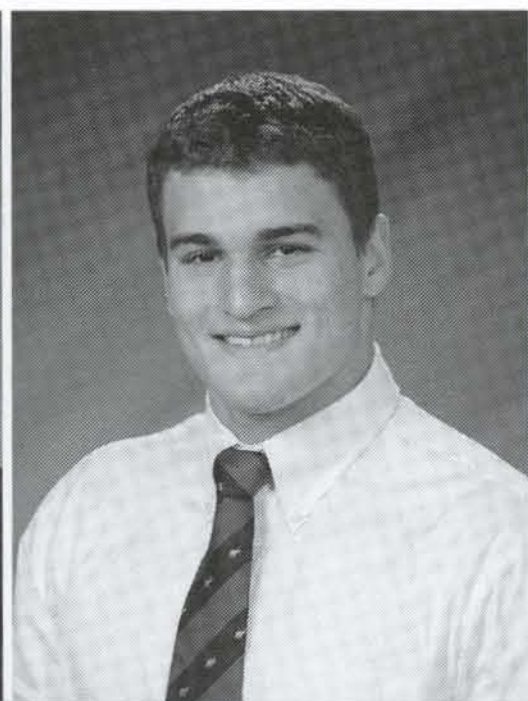
One of the bigger projects Lehner had on his plate was cross referencing names on Phil Huckleberry's petition. Huckleberry, who is a Green Party candidate, ran against Brady and the petition had to be checked for legit signatures. Some signatures were from people who didn't live in his district, others weren't registered voters, and some were even names of the deceased.

He said his experiences have been incredible and he realizes that he is part of something that will make a difference. Lehner, in the past ten months has been able to shake hands with many prominent politicians such as Alan Keyes, Governor Edgar, and Barack Obama. Lehner considers himself extremely blessed.

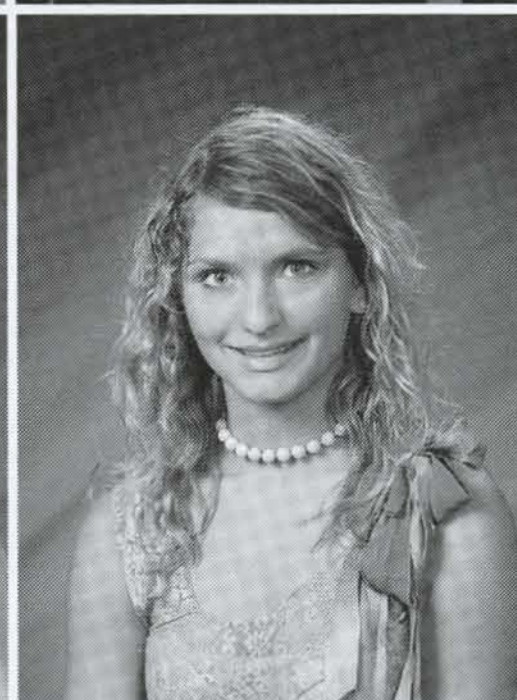
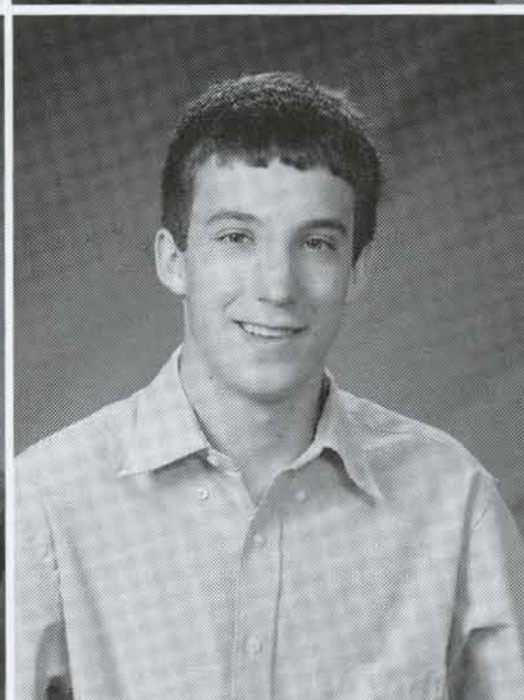
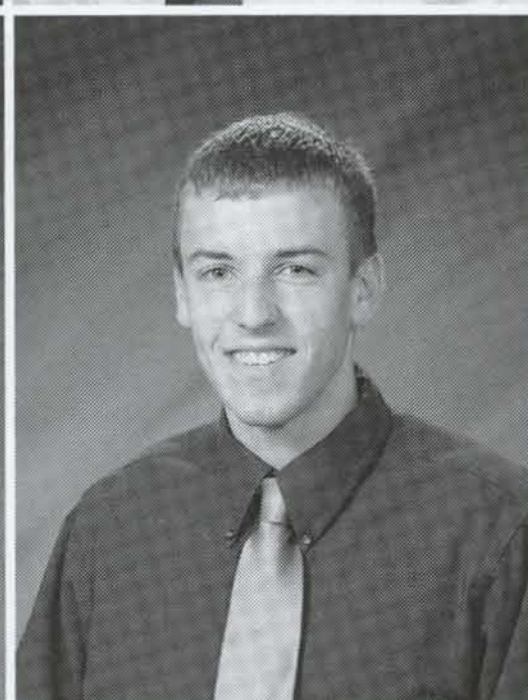
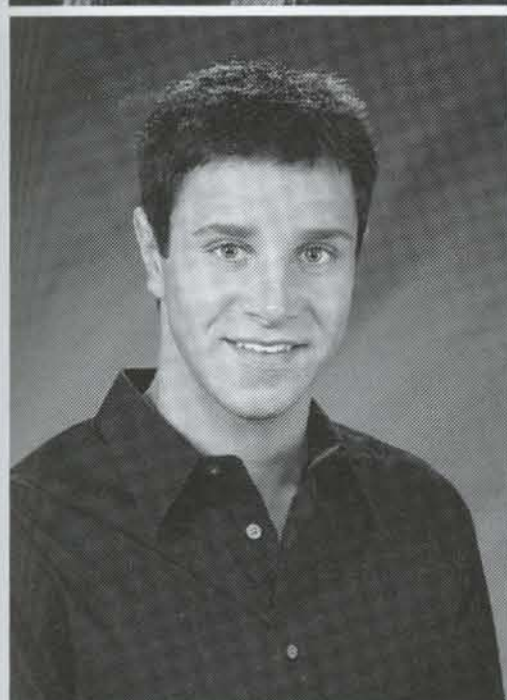
"I think this is an amazing experience," Lehner said. He gets the experience which many other political science majors don't get to fully understand and witness until their junior or senior year of college.

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Matthew Lehner (above) receives instruction from State Representative Dan Brady. Photograph by Mallory McCoy.



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Daniel Campbell
Samantha Carlson

Movin' On Up

Chrissy Reineke spends hours just climbing the walls; it has taken her to Upper Limits and around the world

By Rachel Solava

I'm stuck. What was I thinking? I'm not a rock climber! My hands are sweaty and my arms feel like lead. I am about fifty feet up, so there is no way to go down. But she keeps on encouraging me. "Come on, Rachel! You can do it!"

Finally, something clicks. I put my foot on a hold to my upper left and hoist myself up. I am on my way again.

"Yeah! Nice one!" senior Chrissy Reineke called up.

As she walked through the door of Upper Limits, it was obvious that Reineke was well known. She answered every greeting with a wave and a smile.

This is her routine. But today was just practice. No hardcore competitions or intense situations to deal with. A sport many haven't even tried is Reineke's "number one thing."

She's been climbing for about four years and several employees of Upper Limits agree that she's by far one of the best female climbers.

With her busy schedule of Tae Kwon Doe, AIDS task force, and art club, Reineke still finds time to practice and prepare for competitions three times a week. She travels throughout the Midwest for contests. Competitions are judged by technique and skill, not speed.

The holds of the route are marked and climbers have to use only those holds to reach the top. If they do so, they

receive the best score but climbing isn't just a competition against others.

"Climbing is a competition against yourself to get better," Reineke said.

Reineke has climbed in various states around the country. Red River Gorge, Kentucky, known by climbers as "The Red," and is one of the best sites in the United States.

She also visits Jackson Falls, Illinois quite regularly. "It's pretty rad for Illinois," Reineke said.

Reineke has also traveled to Tennessee and Arkansas to climb with friends. It is because of this shared passion between friends that Reineke has planned a trip to France this summer.

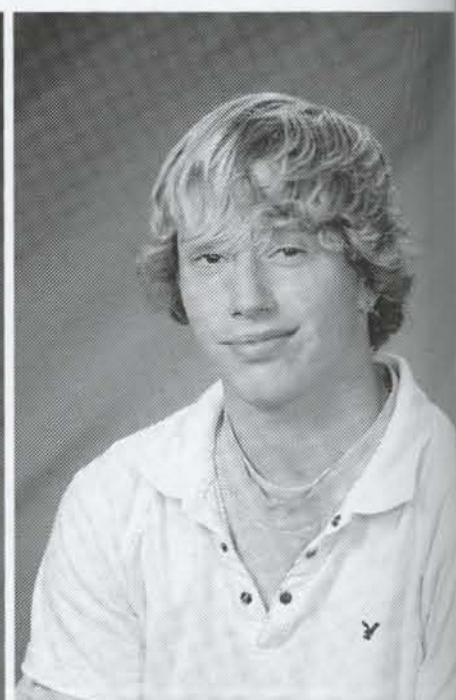
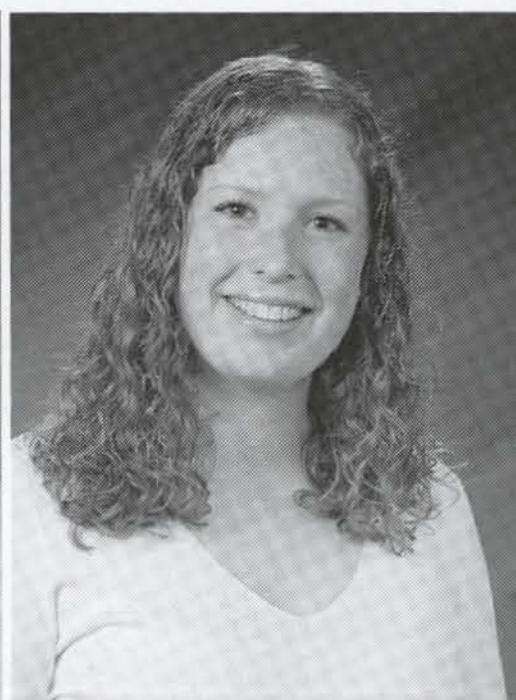
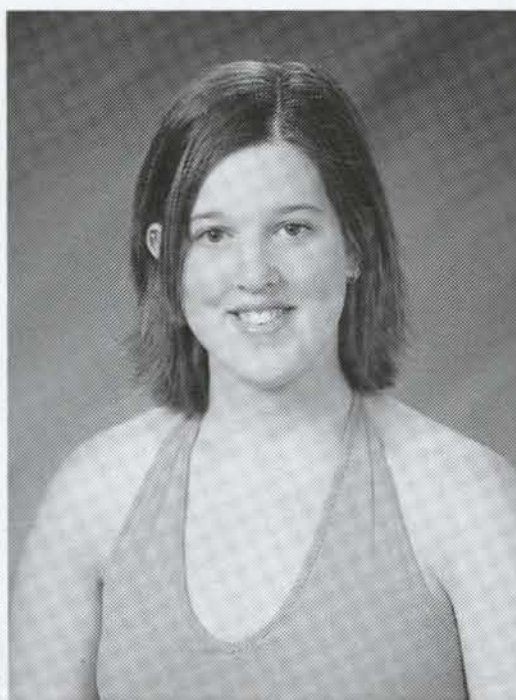
While there, she is going to join friends from Germany and France on her first international climb. Reineke has met numerous people because of climbing.

"All different shapes and sizes climb," Reineke said, "I've even met a French monk!" She also said she has gained strength, confidence and decision making skills from participating in the sport.

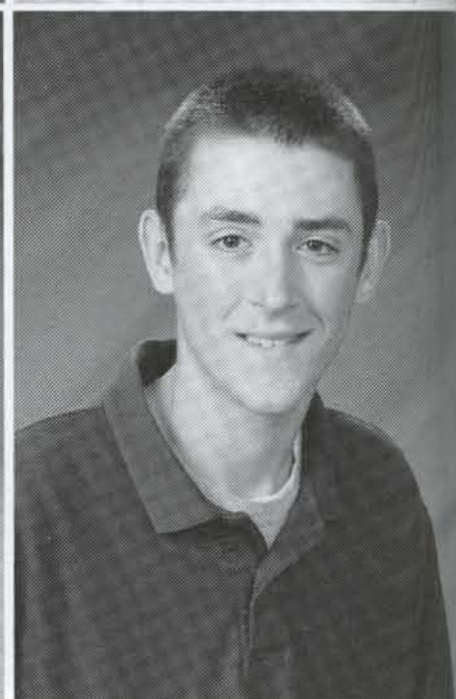
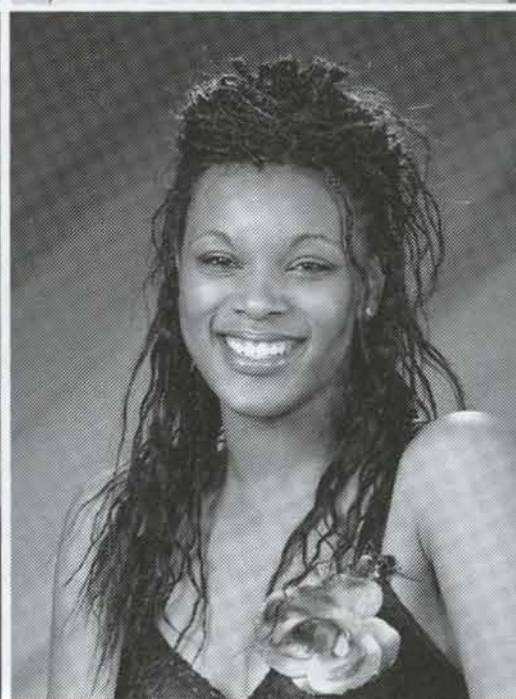
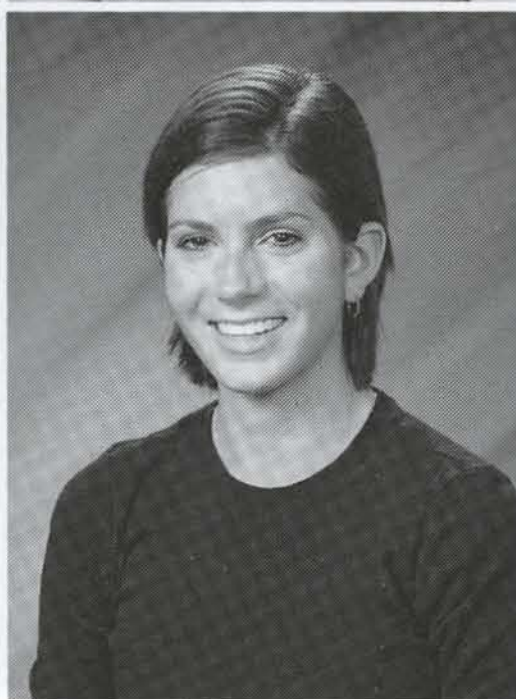
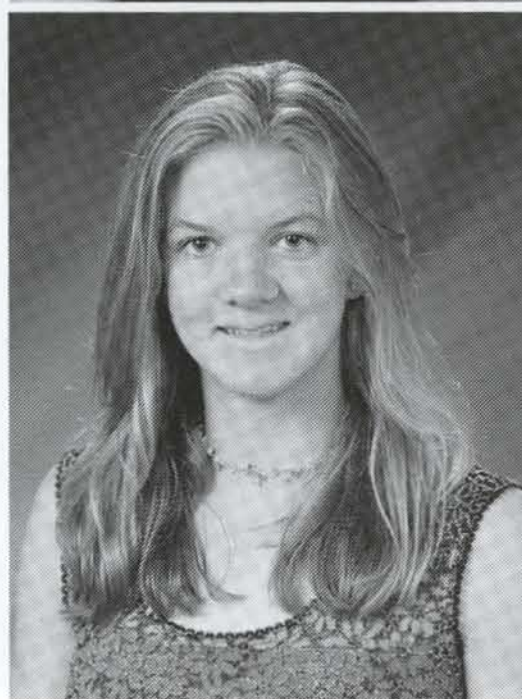
Reineke is probably known for her art at U-High, but she should also be recognized for her outstanding rock climbing abilities.

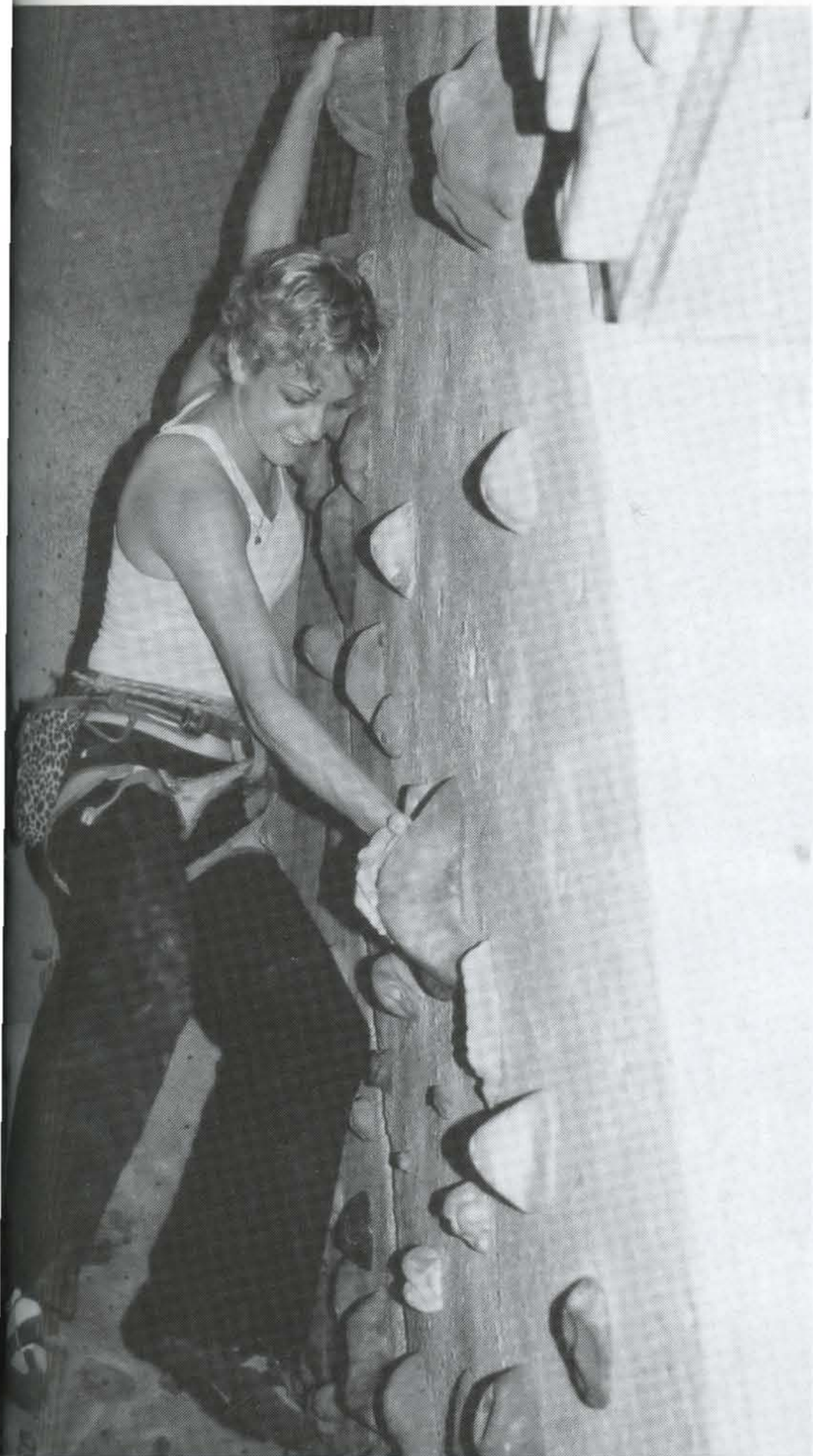
"I love it even more than art," Reineke said. "I am going to be climbing even when I'm seventy."

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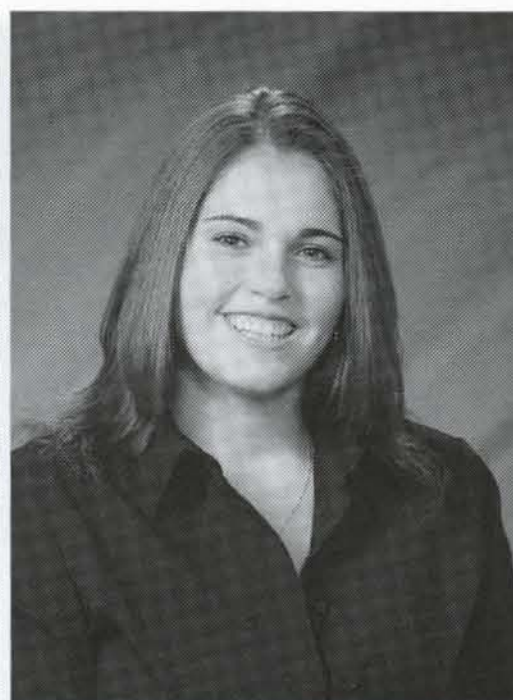
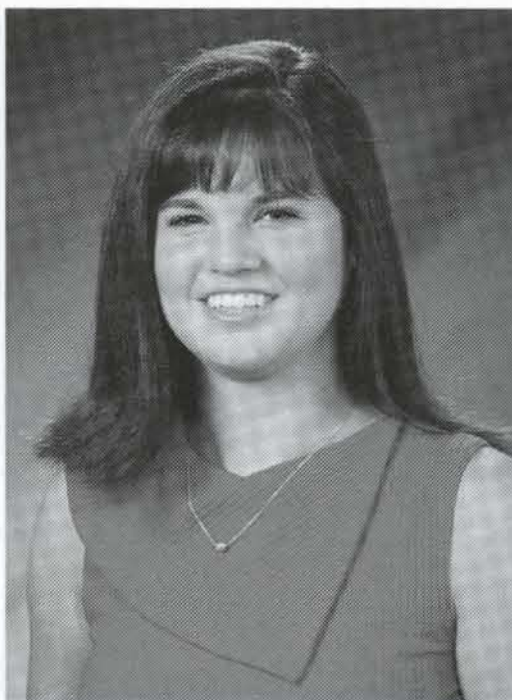


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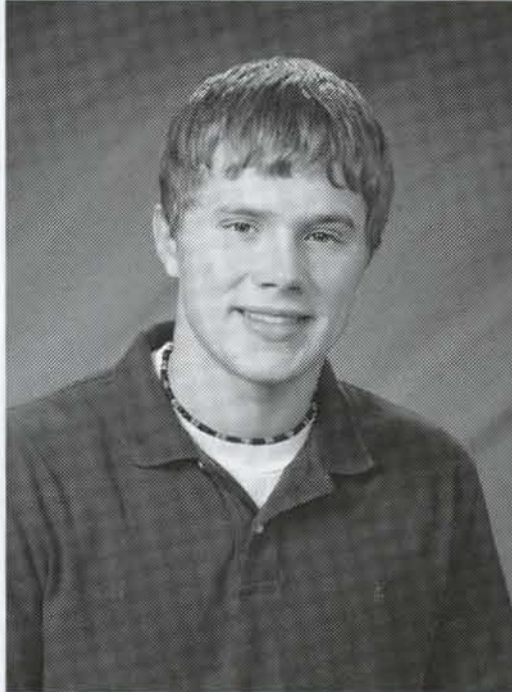
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Reineke (above) hangs by one hand as she tries to regain control and continue her climb. Photograph by Alyssa Solava.



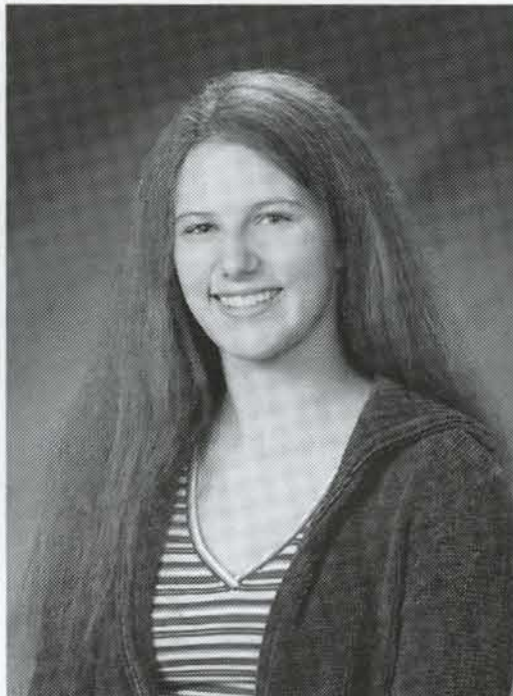
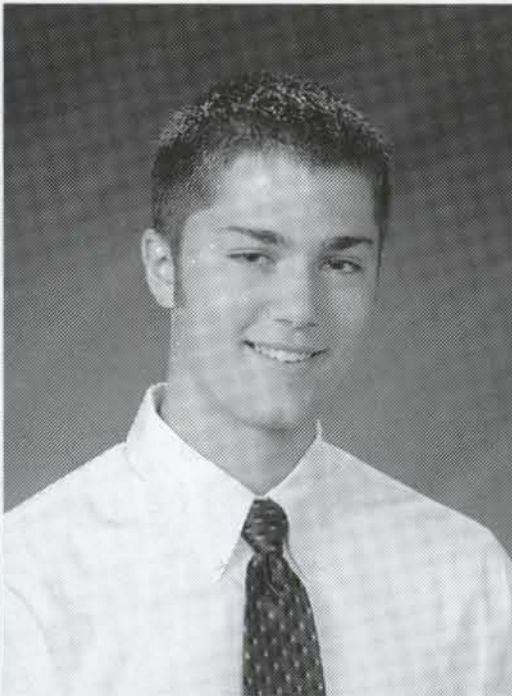
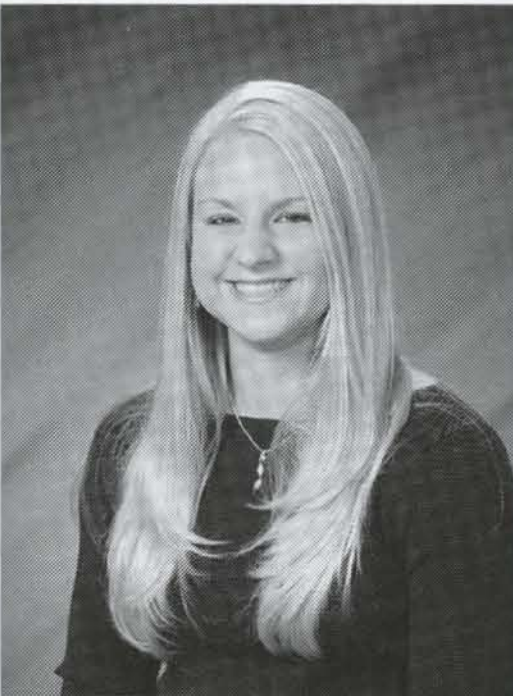
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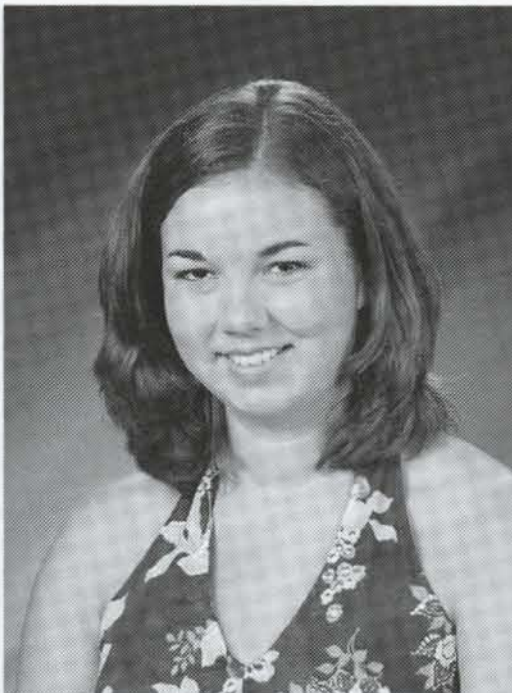
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The Accidental Kicker

Football standout Andy Dittbenner wouldn't have realized his full potential on the field if it weren't for that day he broke his finger

By Lindsay Bertsche

Andy Dittbenner was never supposed to be the football team's kicker. Then came the fateful practice three years ago when senior Bryce Morton threw a pass to him and it broke Dittbenner's finger.

"I sat out because I had to get surgery and there was no physical play," Dittbenner said.

The coach had told him to practice kicking until his finger healed. Little did they know that Dittbenner was well on his way to becoming one of the best kickers in the state.

"I would practice with [alumni] Alex Leach. He taught me the basics of everything for kicking and I guess I got better at it," Dittbenner said.

The coaches soon realized what talent he had with kicking and told him to stick with it even after his finger healed.

This season Dittbenner was the most versatile Pioneer. His roles on the field included kicker, receiver and he was also the free safety.

"Kicking can be the best position in the world and it can be the loneliest position in the world," coach Alex Kashner said.

"There is a lot of pressure with being a kicker. You take a lot of heat because you can win or lose a game," Dittbenner said, "There is pressure for anything though because if I miss a big catch, like a touchdown catch, then that could possibly lose the game too."

Dittbenner can handle the pressure, though. He even has developed some special techniques to help calm himself down.

"I take a deep breath and always remember that it is just a game; nothing more than a game," Dittbenner said.

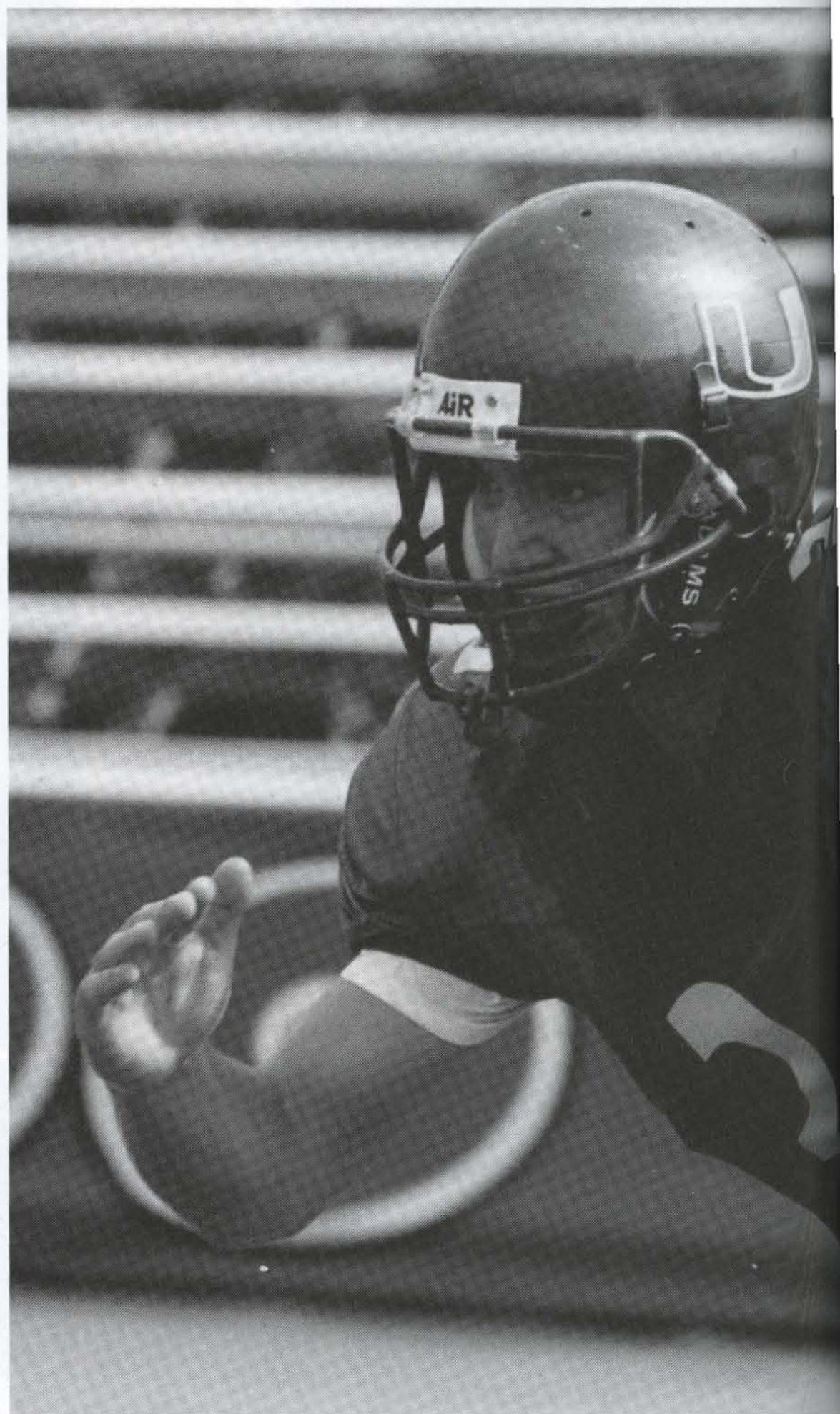
He also said it's important to make sure things outside of the game do not become a distraction, especially the crowd.

"Anytime there is a crowd, they are watching to see if the kick is in or out. There is a lot of exposure there," Dittbenner said.

Dittbenner has overcome obstacles and is bettering himself each and every year.

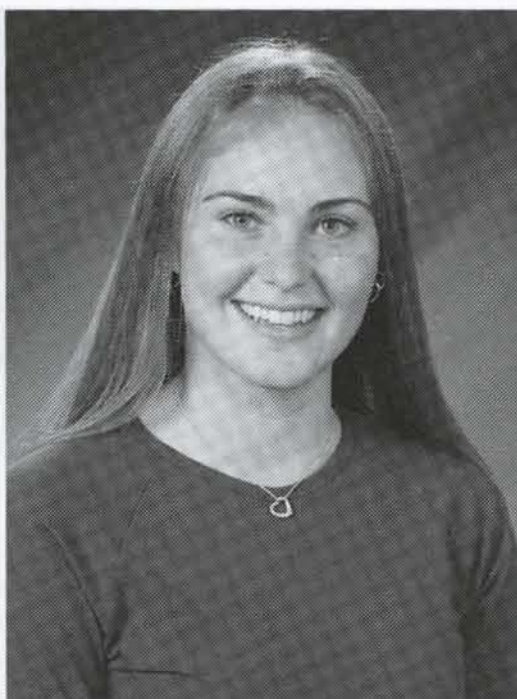
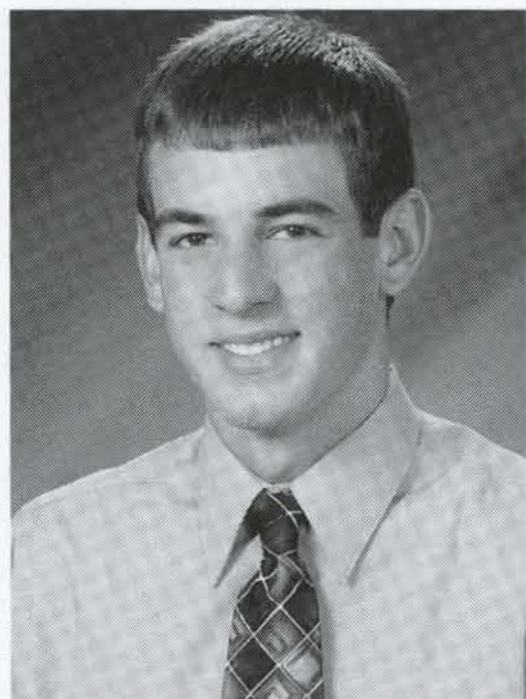
"He has been the most improved player since freshman year. He works hard at what he does," Kashner said.

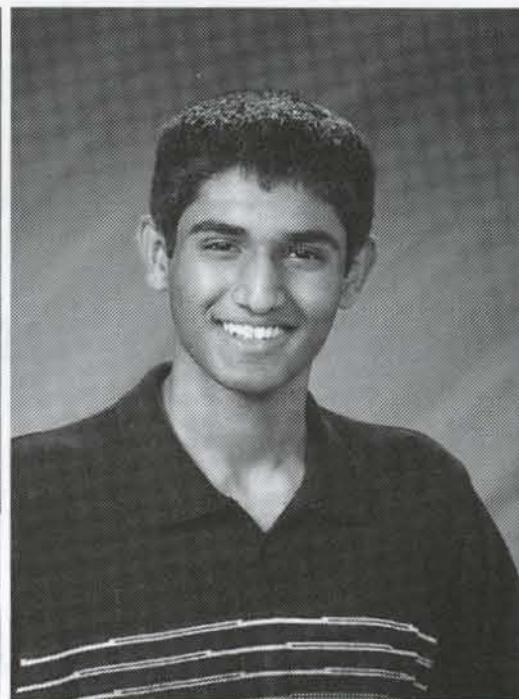
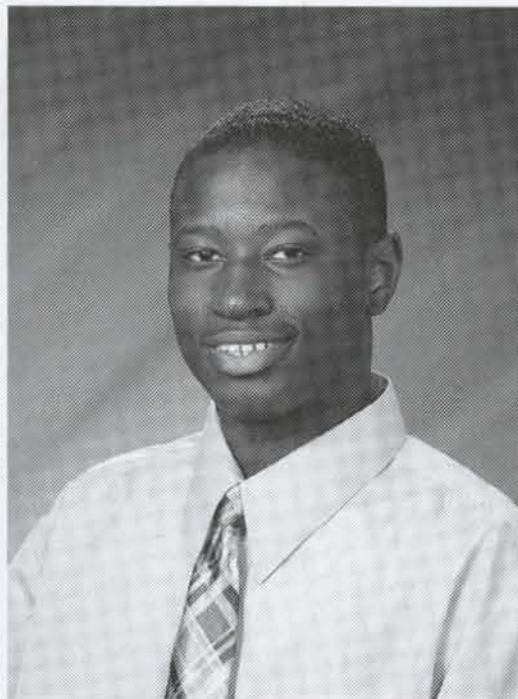
"Andy is probably the best overall player, not just as a kicker but on defense as well," coach Kurt Olsen said, "He is a team captain this year and he really leads by example and shows it through hard work."



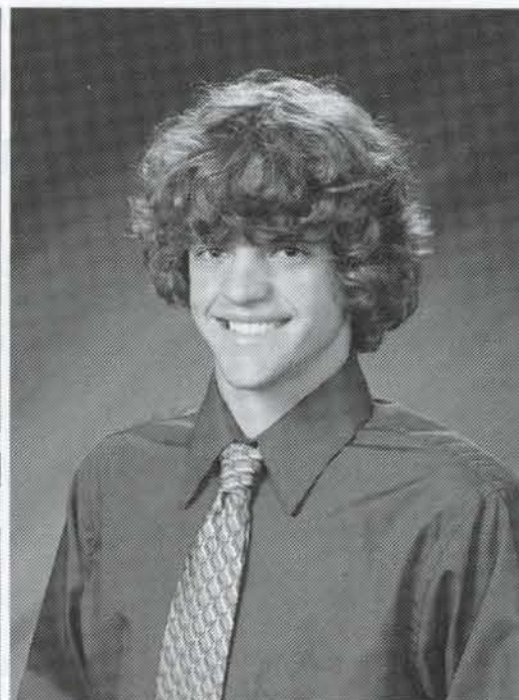
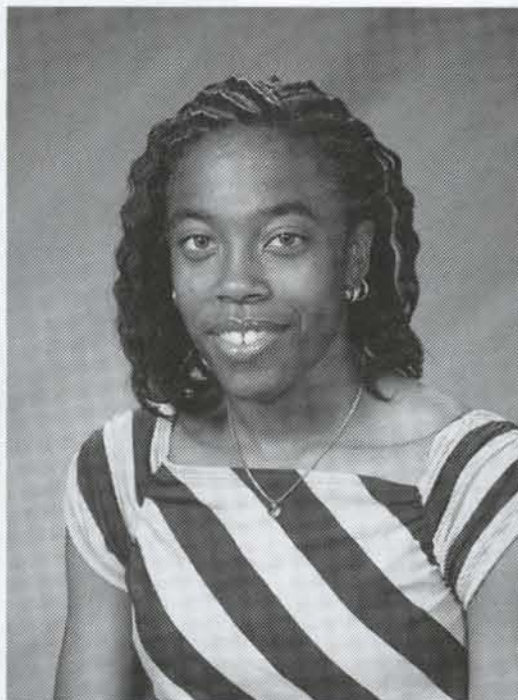
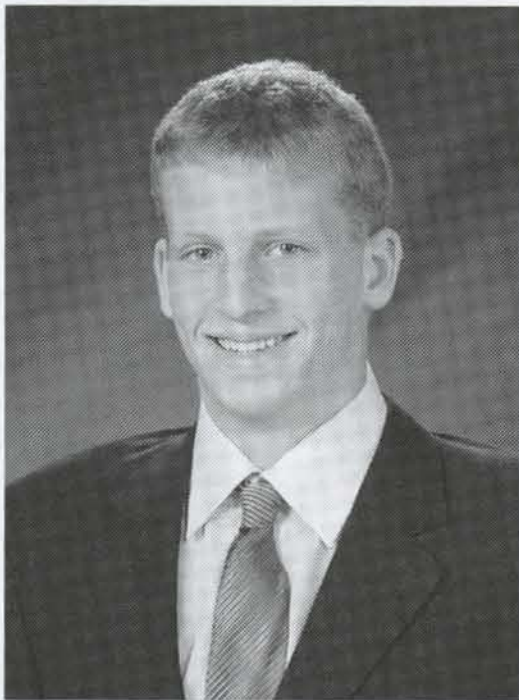
Andy Dittbenner (above) focuses and springs into action at the beginning of play during the Intercity game against Central Catholic. Photograph by AJ Joes

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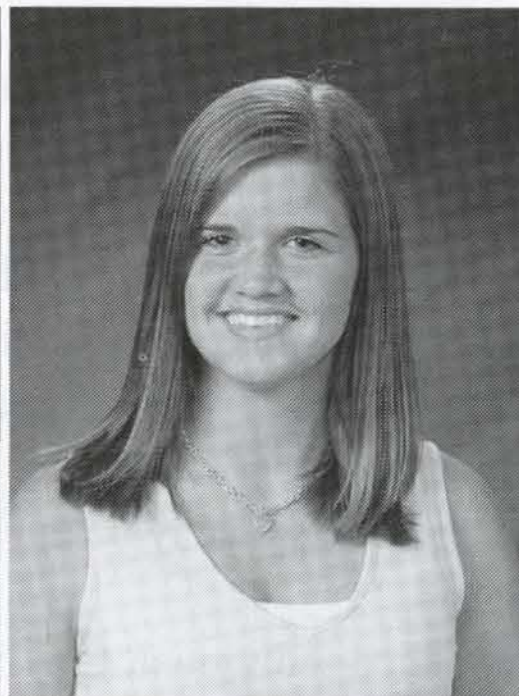
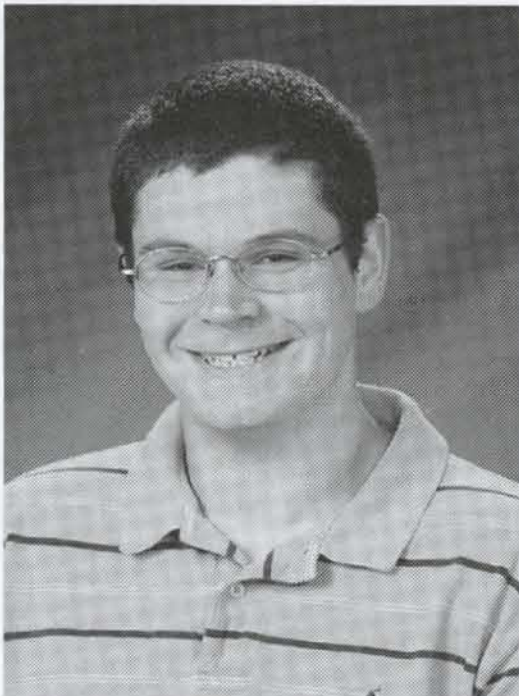




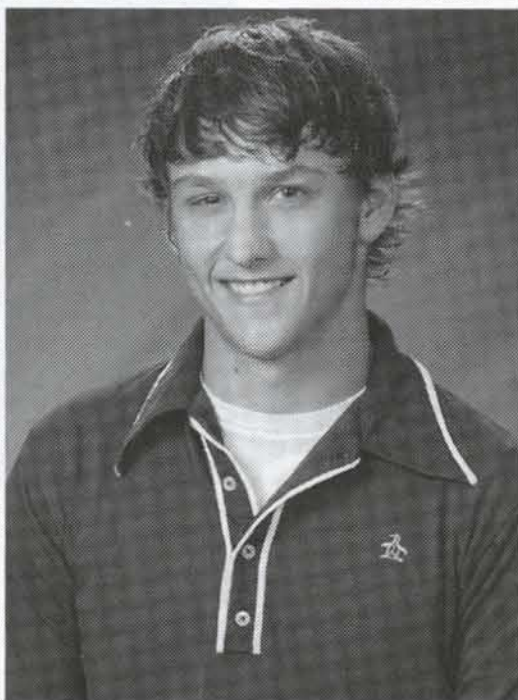
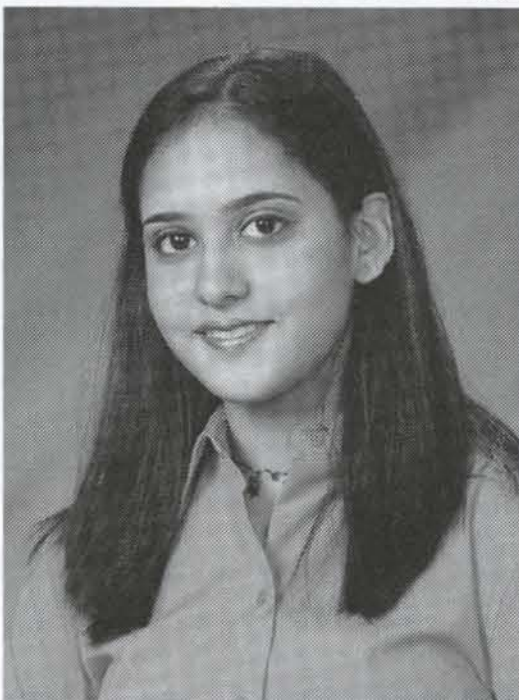
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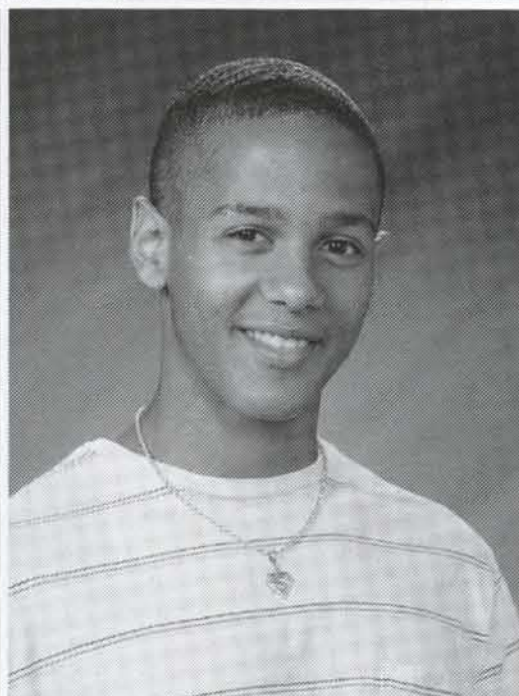
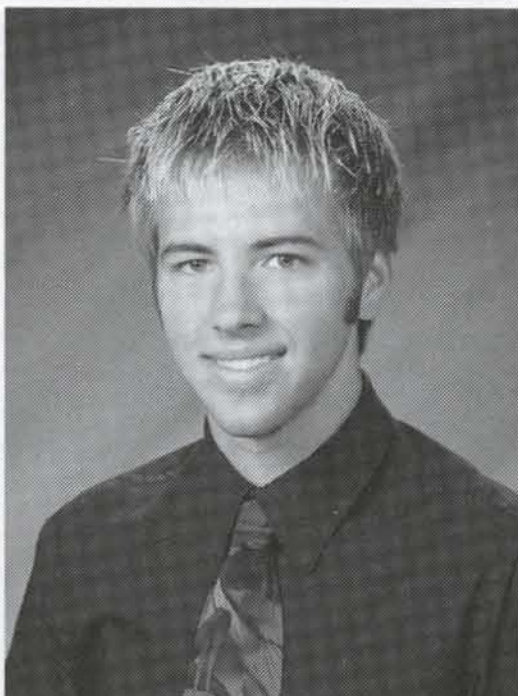
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In the Running

Rebekah Clay takes support from her God and her teammates to return to the state meet

By Abby Meisner

The 2003 cross country season brought many disappointments to the team. Runners were lost to various injuries and illnesses, and the team failed to qualify for the state meet in Peoria. With her favorite Bible verse in mind, however, Rebekah Clay arrived at the state meet. Philippians 4:13 states "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Clay used this strength and became the squad's lone representative at the 2003 state competition. While it was hard to go without her team, Clay knew the team was behind her.

"At sectionals I knew that I had advanced, but without the team it seemed pointless. As state neared I realized that the team was still really supportive and I was glad that I could represent them in some way," Clay said. Clay proudly wore the green and gold as she took 31st place out of 205 runners.

1 Corinthians 11:1 says, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ."

Clay's example brought the team back to the state meet. Clay led the team through the 2004 season. She won the regional, placed third at the sectional, and received an all-state award with a place of 15. With such outstanding performances the team pulled together and placed 7th at the state meet. Clay is leaving big shoes to fill for the upcoming Pioneer runners.

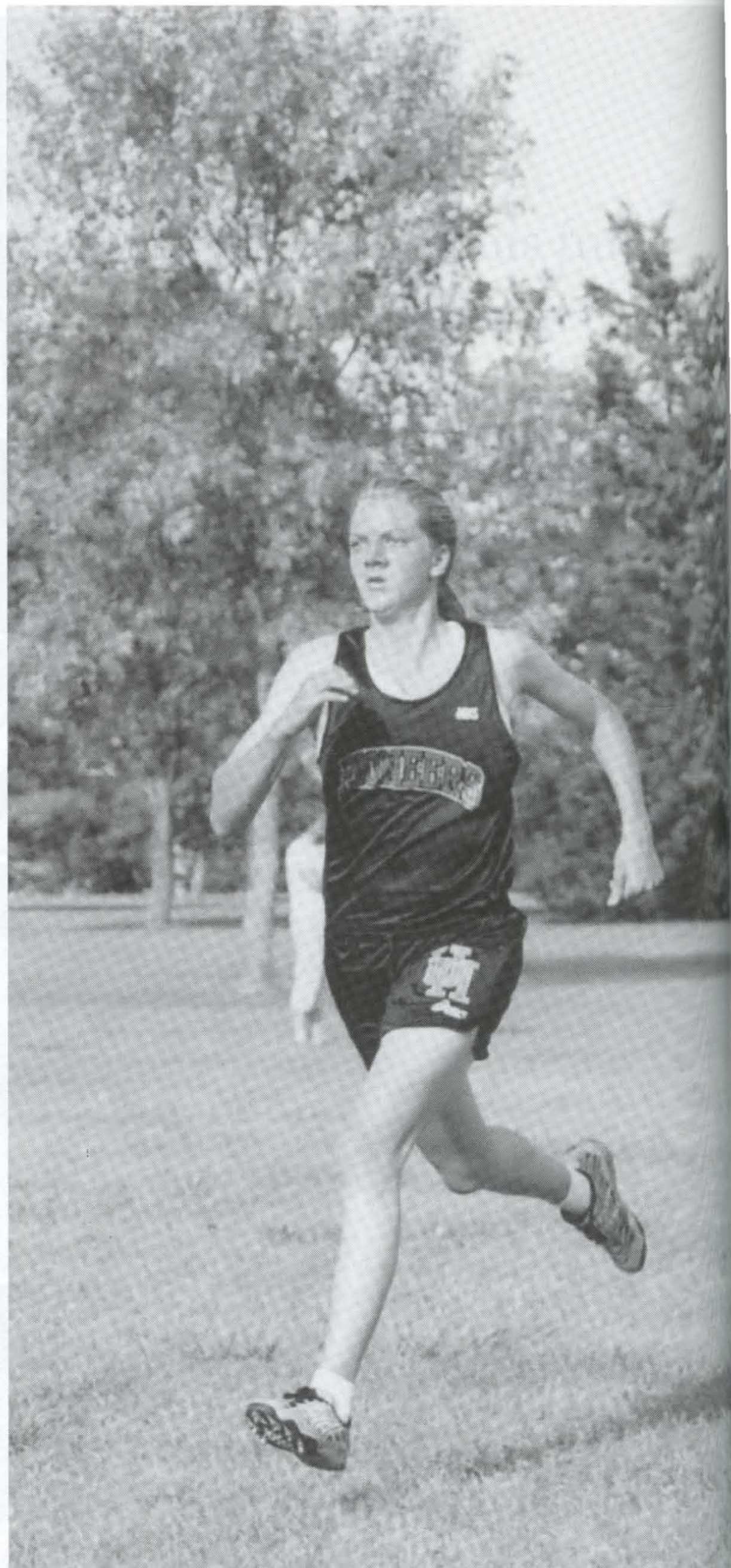
"Based on her time trial of a 5:29 mile she may be the best girl I've ever coached," coach Lester Hampton said.

Though she is quite an accomplished individual, Clay is not one to take complete credit for all of her accolades.

"My running ability is a gift from God and it makes me feel like I'm using that talent for His glory. That thought makes me feel closer to Him," Clay said.

Clay understands that talent can only take you so far. There have to be people to encourage you to do your best.

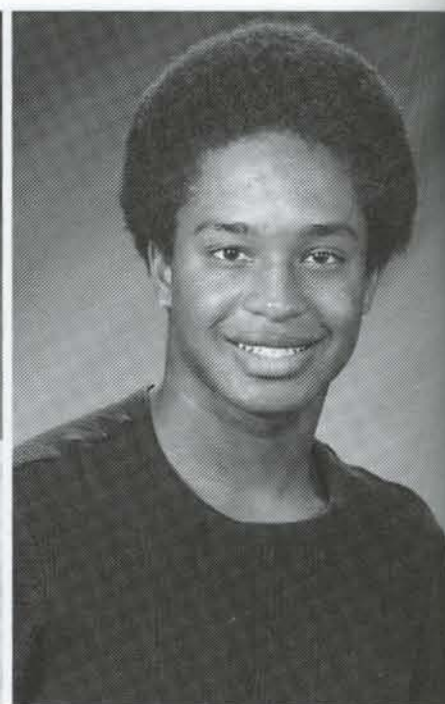
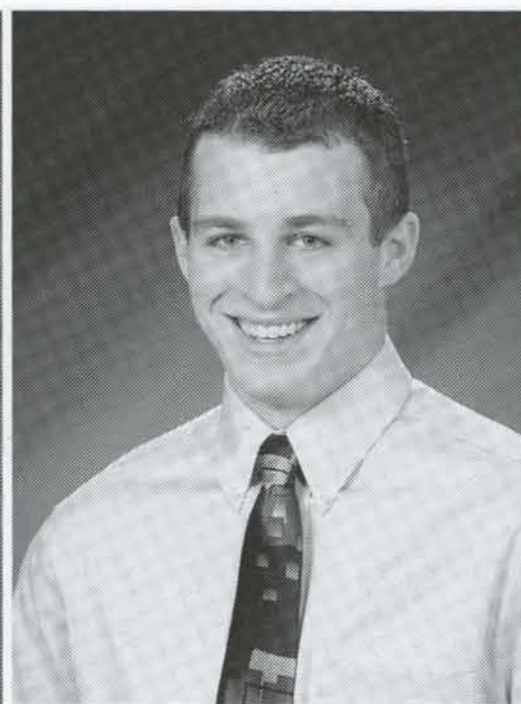
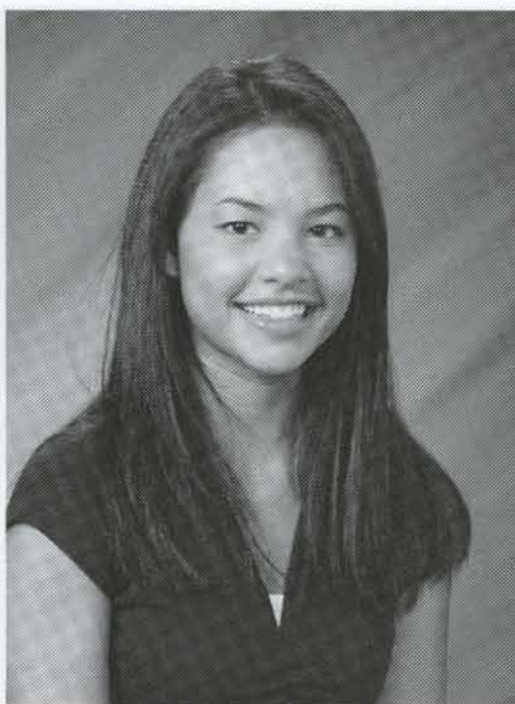
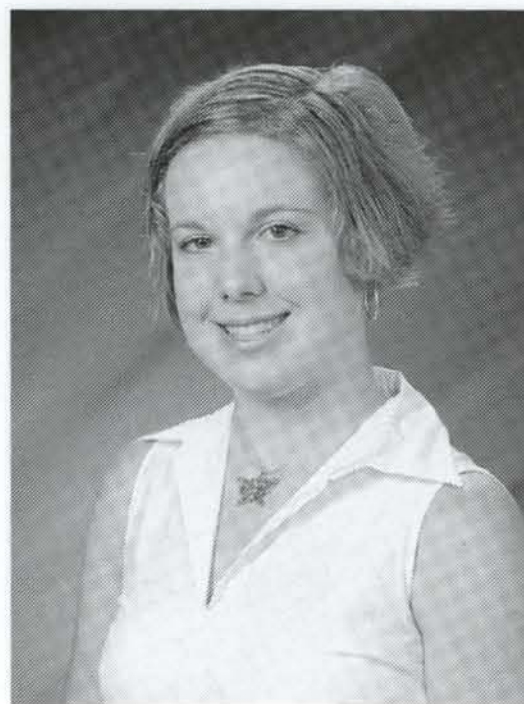
"If it wasn't for my parents and my religion I wouldn't have pushed myself as hard," Clay said.

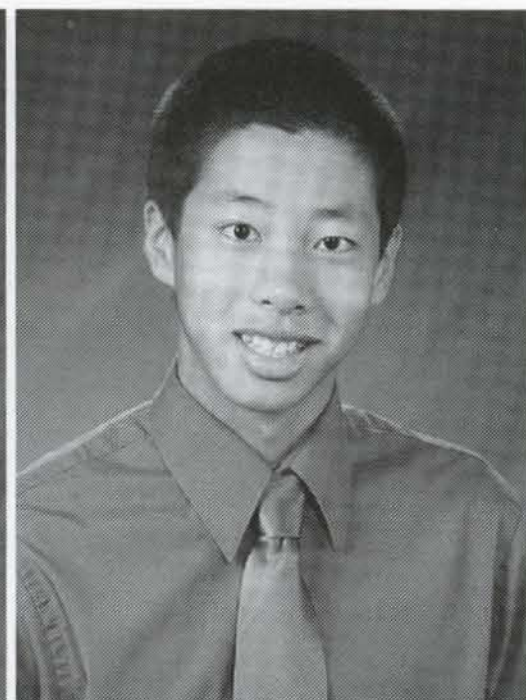
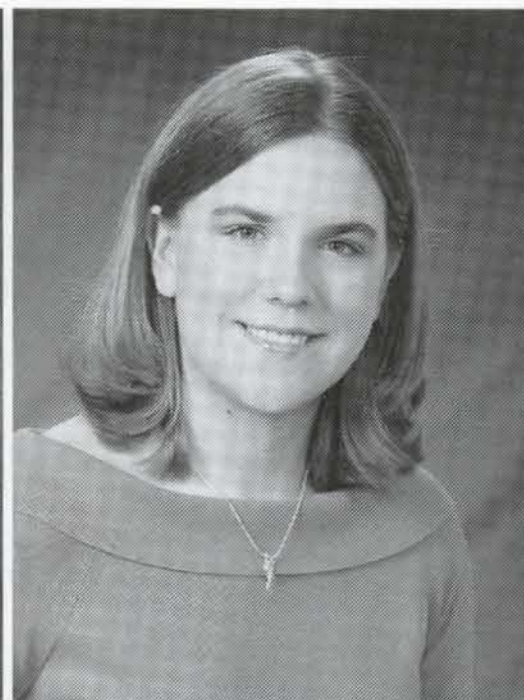
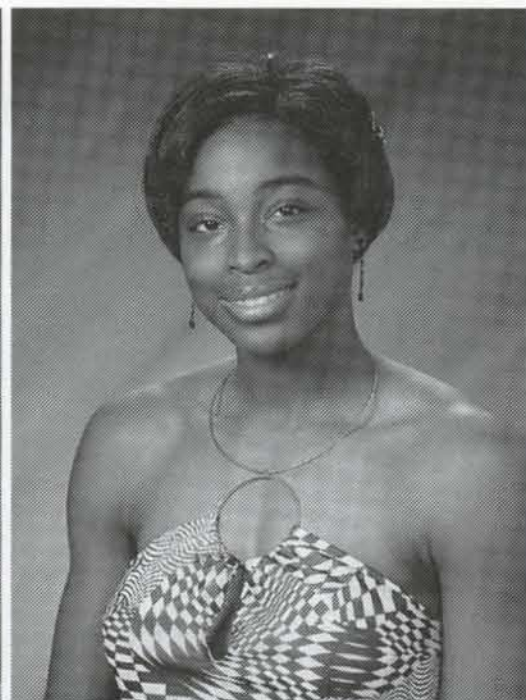
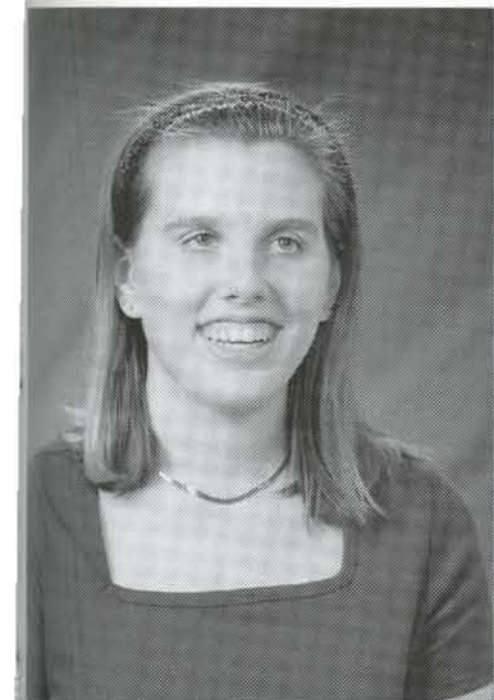


Rebekah Clay (above) flies through U-High's home course at Maxwell park
Photograph by Mallory McC

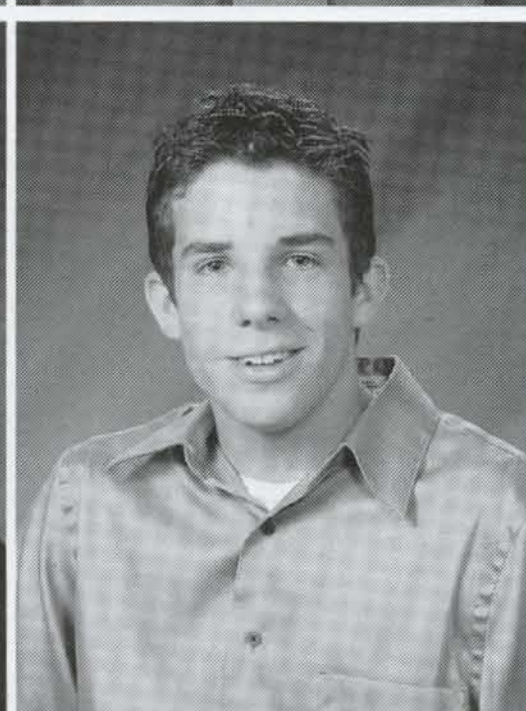
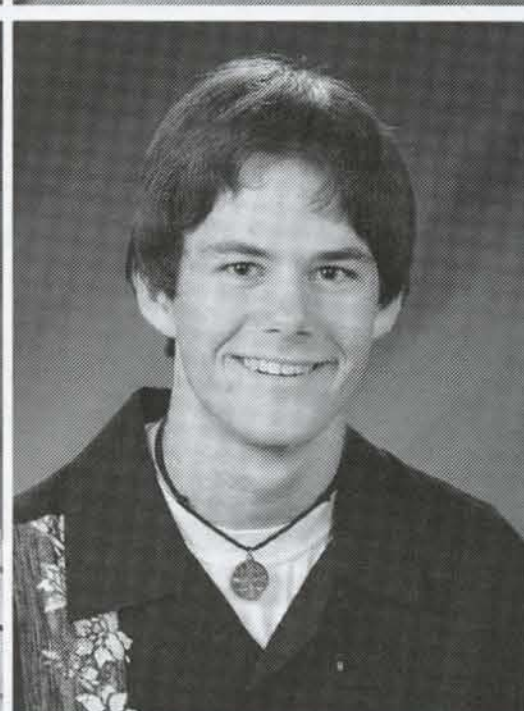
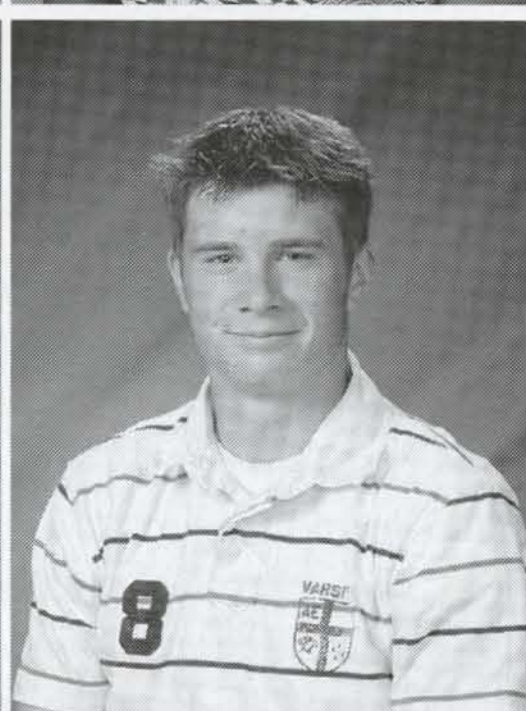
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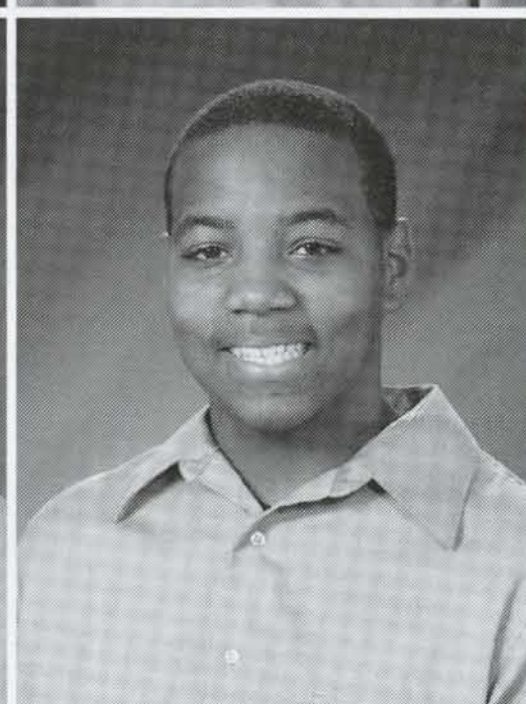
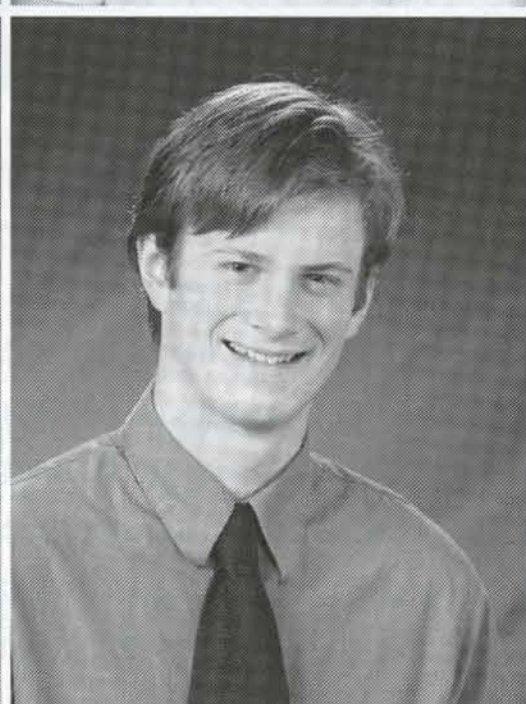




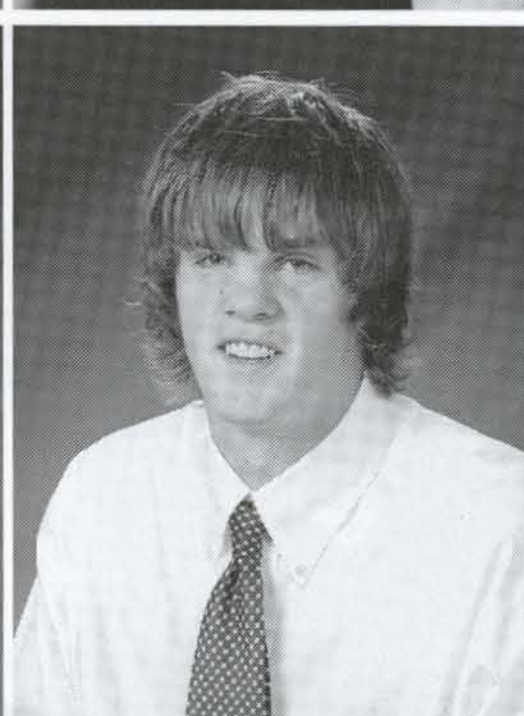
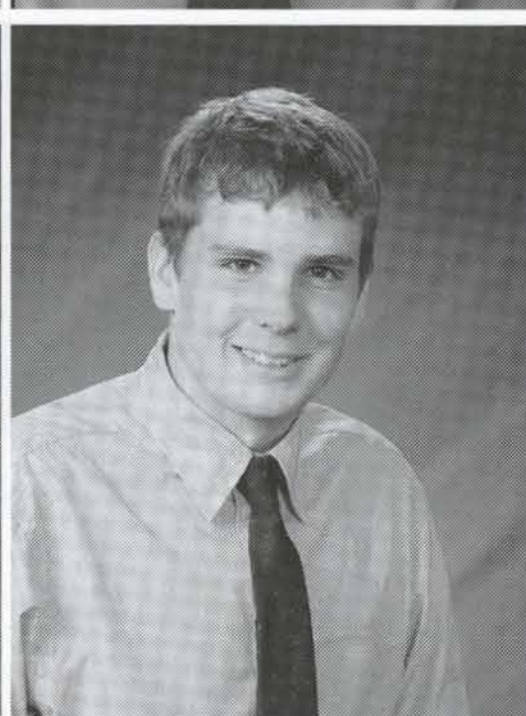
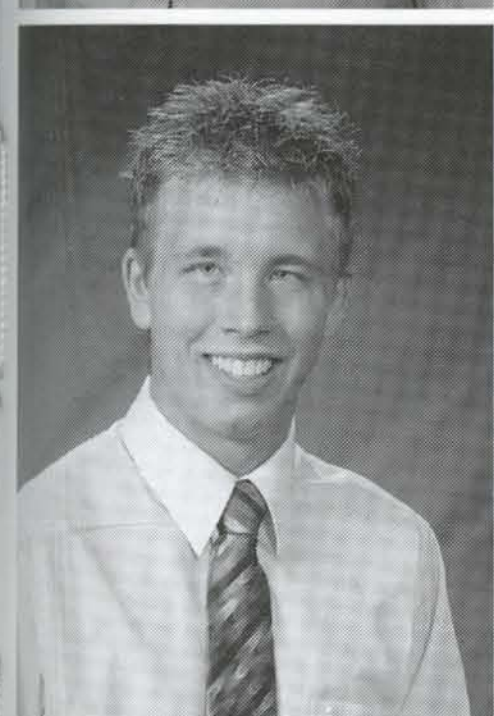
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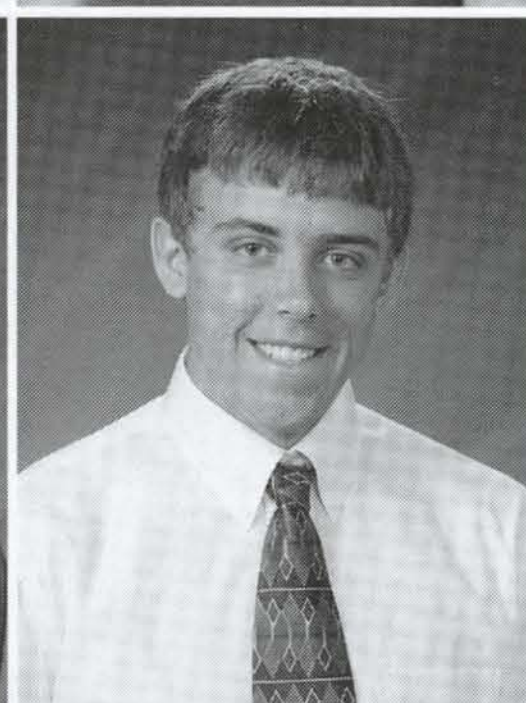
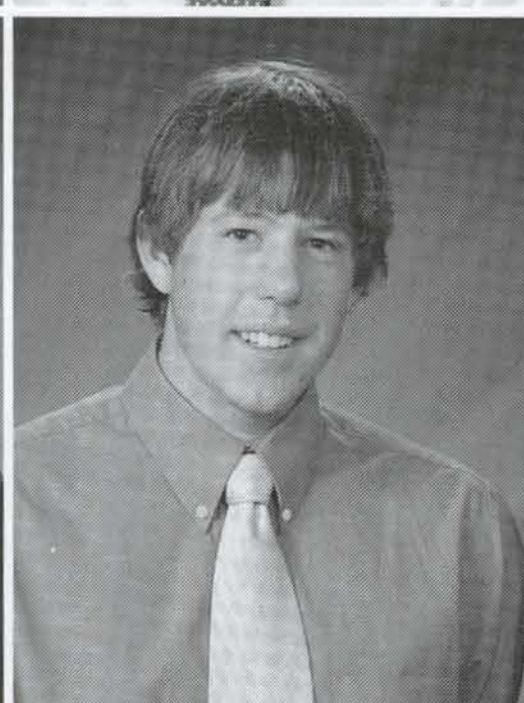
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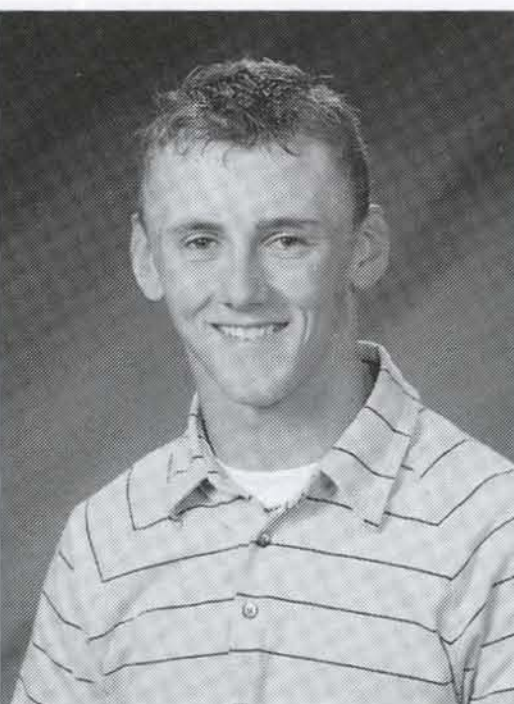
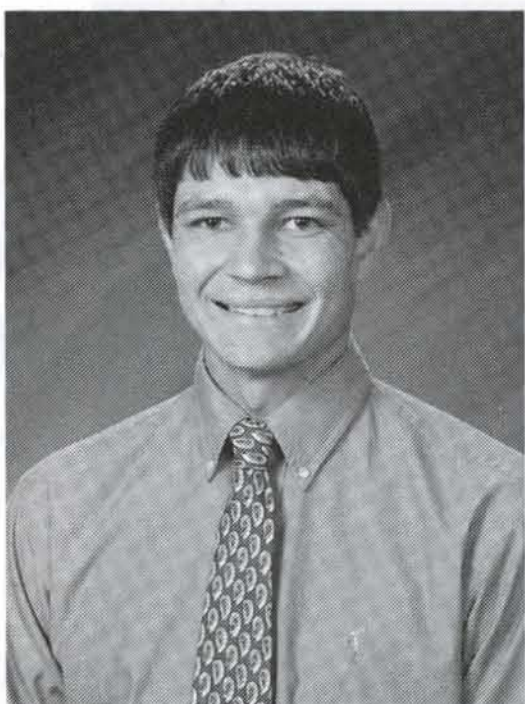


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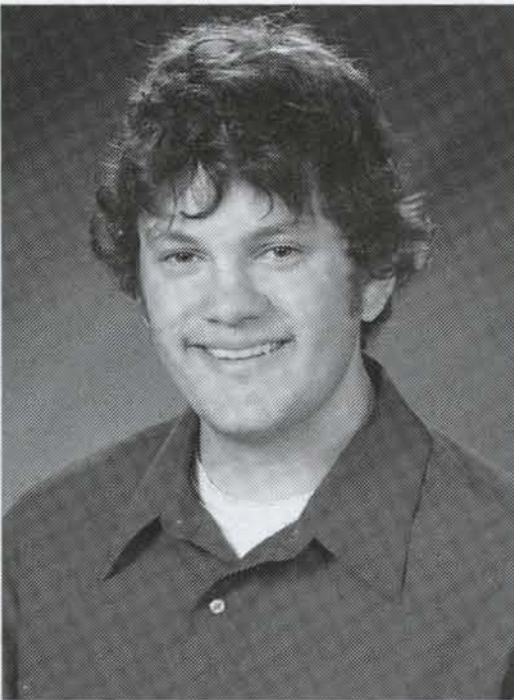
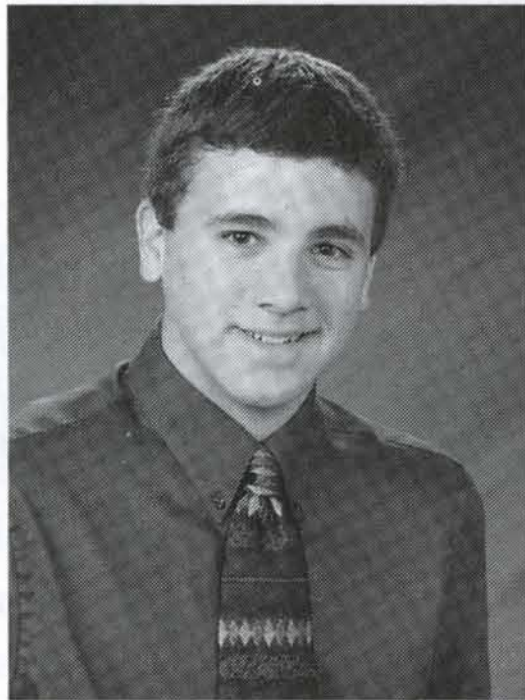
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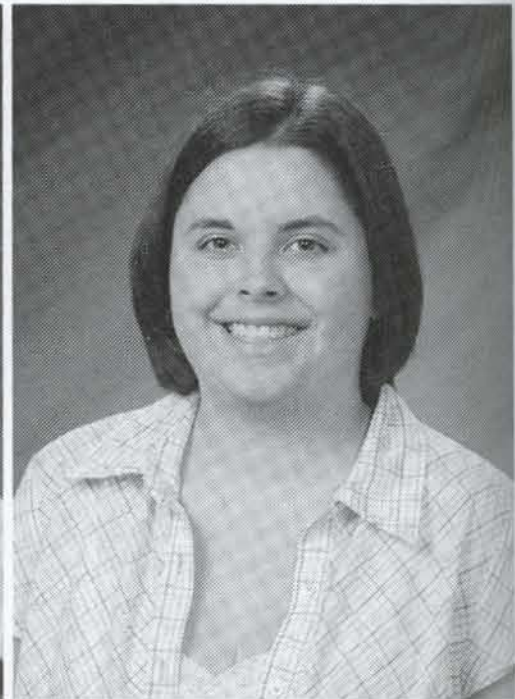
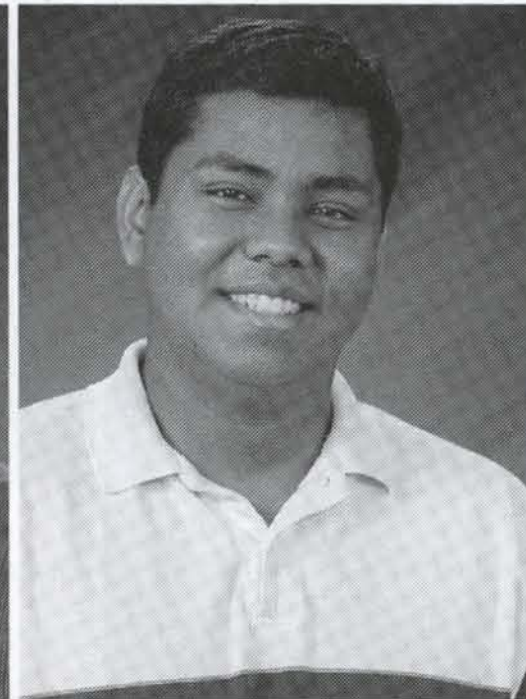
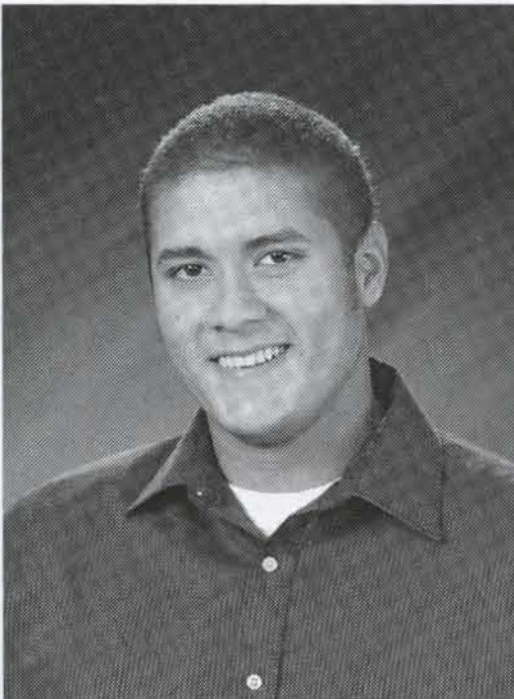
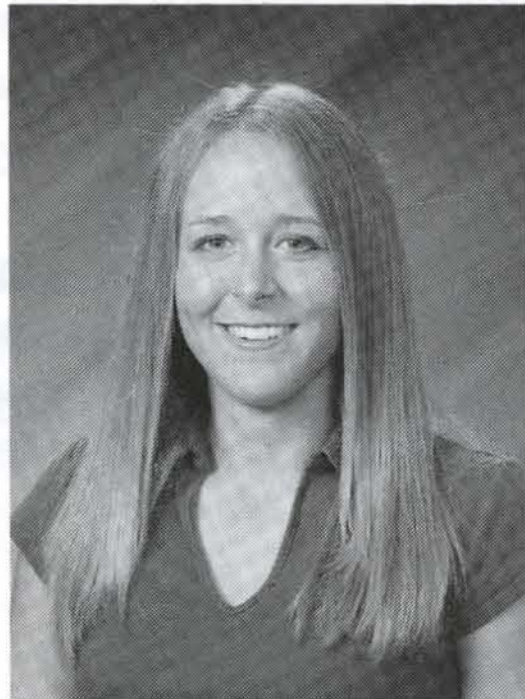
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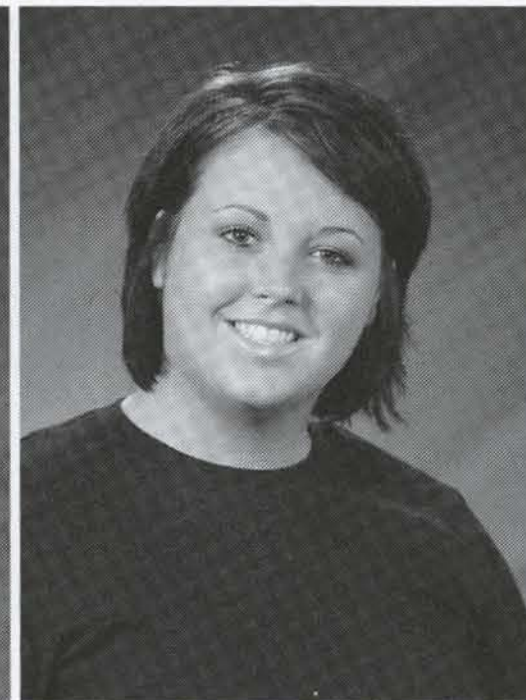
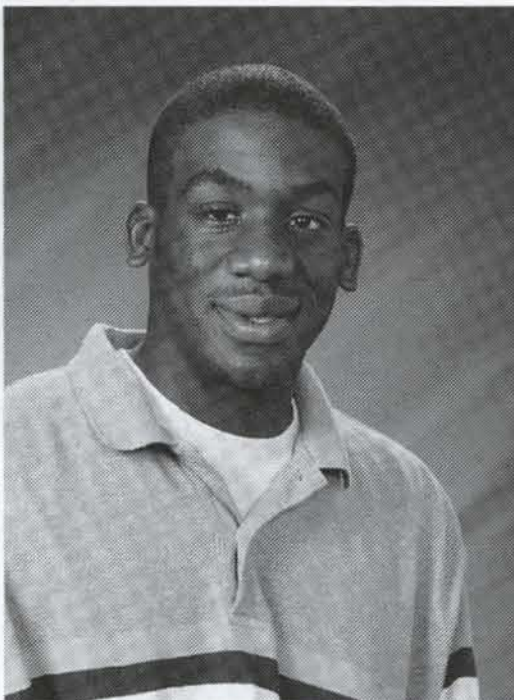
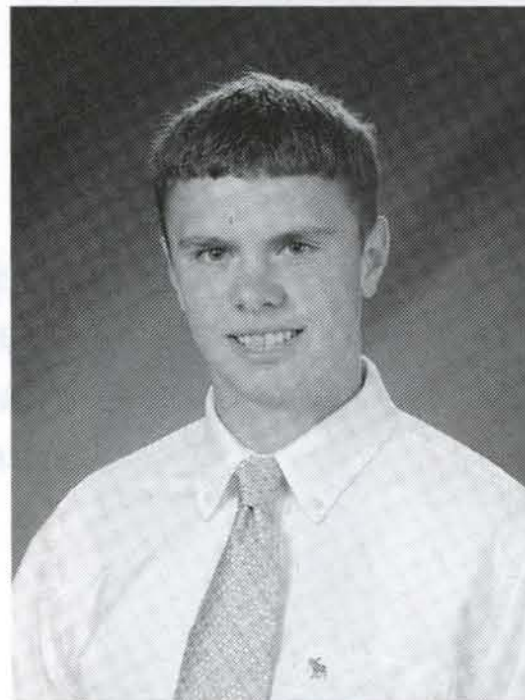
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Facing the music

Katie Riordan has made going to concerts her way of life

By Alyssa Solava

When Katie Riordan was in fifth grade she went to her first concert, NSYNC.

"I was stuck in my teeny-bopper stage then," Riordan said.

"I am now out of the pop generation," she said, referring to her twenty three concerts she has attended since NSYNC, mostly consisting of punk bands.

She has seen Blink 182, Green Day, Yellowcard, Matchbook Romance, Less than Jake, and Story of the Year.

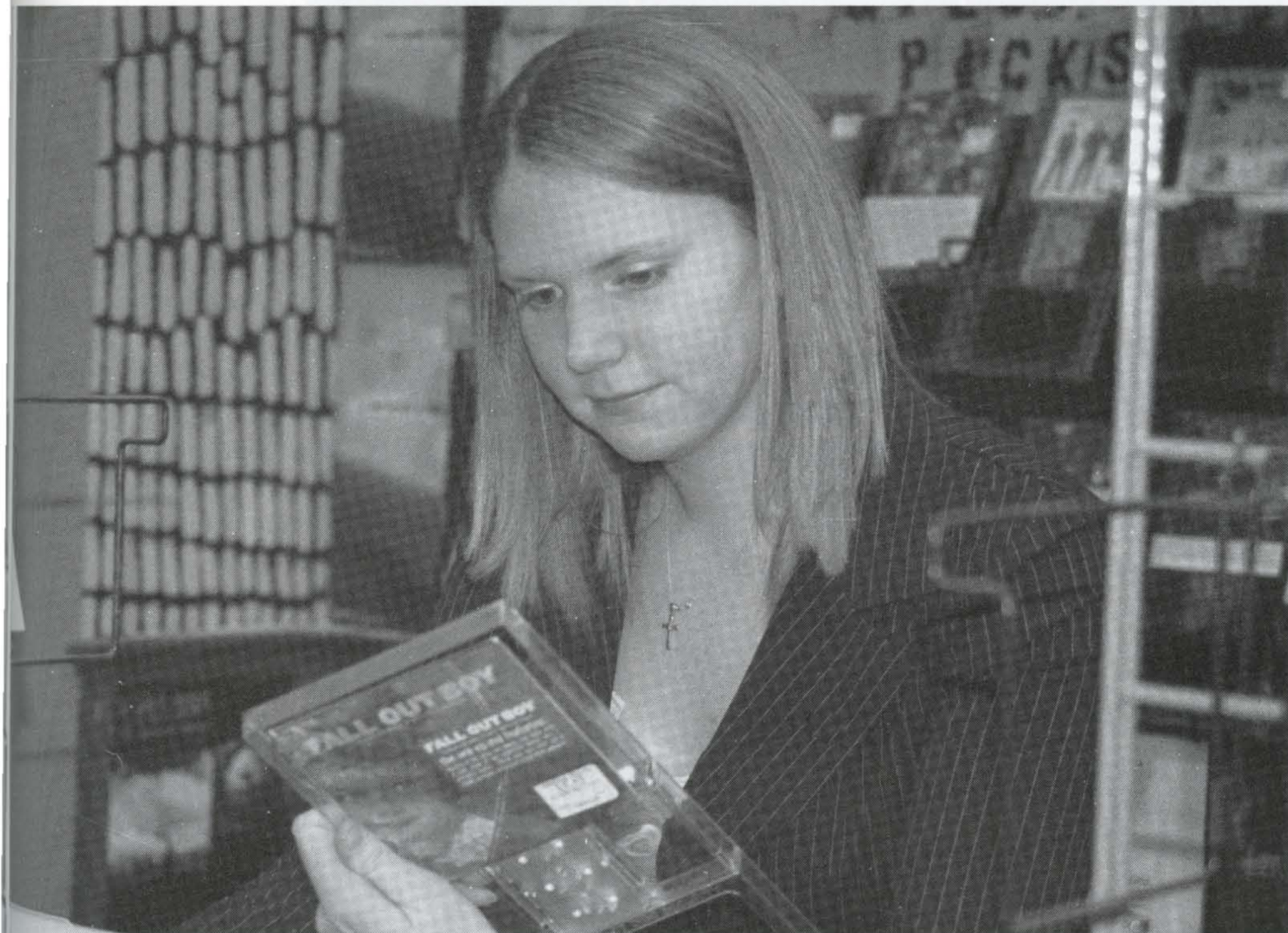
"In sixth grade I started liking more of the punk music and started writing song lyrics.

When Riordan was younger it was her dream to be a singer/songwriter. That dream soon ended though when Riordan figured out she would have to be up on stage all the time, and work every day.

Instead, Riordan now dreams of becoming a record producer, and hopes organizing shows along the way will teach her a lot about the business.

"I went to four concerts during the month of October in Chicago. I began thinking that nothing really comes to Bloomington-Normal, so I started research online to see what I could do to bring a show here," Riordan said.

Riordan likes the atmosphere of the con-



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Katie Riordan spends a lot of her time surrounded by music. She already organizes shows and will continue to in college. Riordan plans to major in business and wants to be a record producer. Photograph by Sarah Charles.

certs. Going to all of the concerts made her realize what it is she wants to do which is to organize shows.

That is just what she's doing.

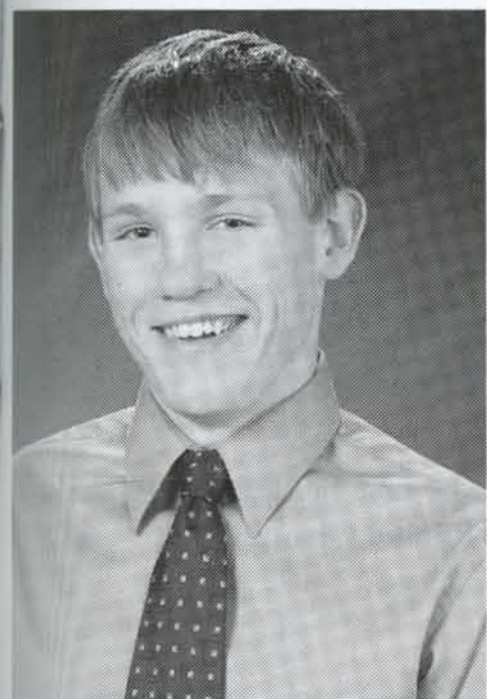
Riordan organized a show for April that is composed of five Chicago-area bands.

Riordan has been working since October looking up bands online, contacting them, organizing sponsors and meeting with people from BBC to get the schedule set.

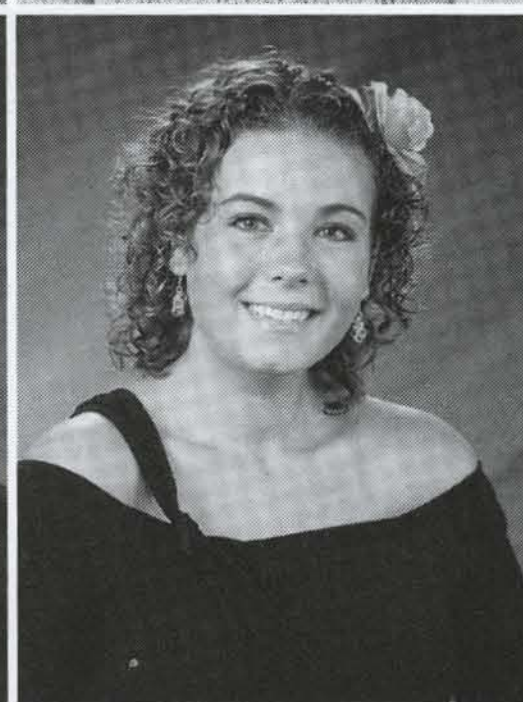
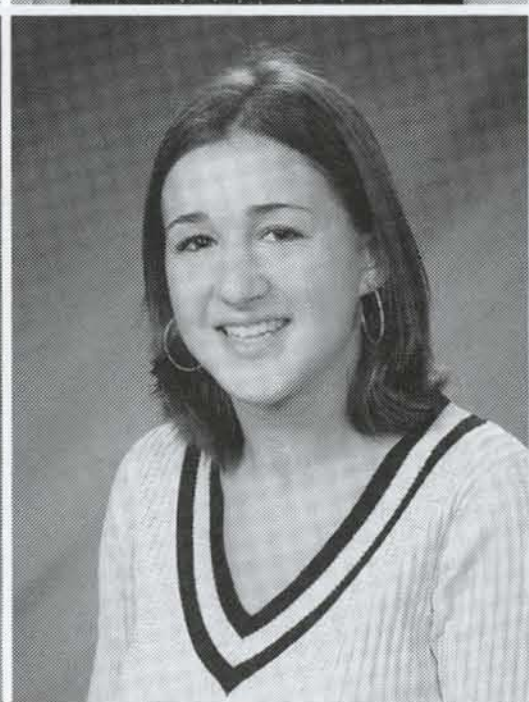
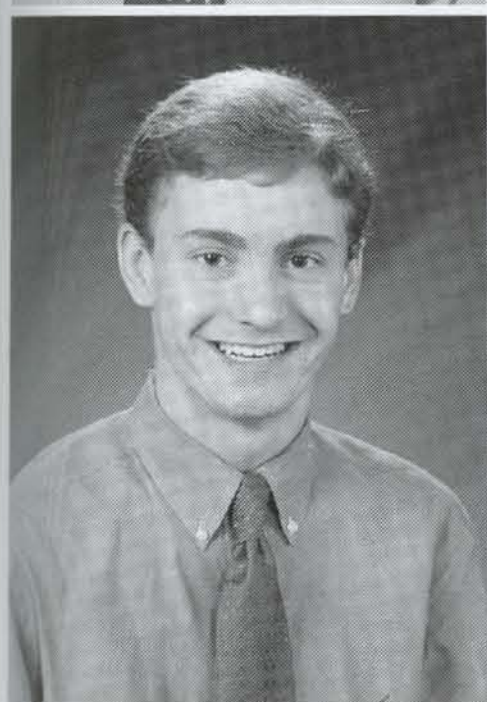
"I didn't realize what I was getting into. I thought it'd be easier before I got into it.

Riordan plans to major in business so she can organize shows her whole life.

"Organizing shows right now will help me later in life when I want to get a job. And hopefully I will be organizing shows in college too," Riordan said.



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You Are My Sunshine

Rachel Olson lost her little brother but is able to cope by knowing he is in a better place

By Alyssa Solava

It's quieter than it use to be in Rachel Olson's house. There were always doors slamming and screaming going on. Rachel's parents would be woken up in the middle of the night and Rachel would never get to hang out and have fun with friends on the weekends. All that has changed now, all because of one December day in 2002.

Drew Olson was born July 8, 1989. Drew was diagnosed with autism when he was one year old. The Olson family had become used to Drew's outburst when he got angry and upset, or when someone knocked over his blocks. One of Drew's favorite times was when he got to go take a bath in the big jacuzzi tub in their basement.

On December 15, 2002 Drew was taking a bath while Rachel was getting ready for the Holiday Chorus concert at U-High. Suddenly Rachel heard her younger sister, Beth, scream from downstairs. Rachel ran down and saw Drew lying on the basement floor, her dad had grabbed Drew out of the bathtub.

The first thought that ran through Rachel's mind was that she had to help Drew. She started performing CPR on Drew. Beth called 911. Finally, Rachel let one of her neighbors continue the CPR until the ambulance arrived. "I looked down at Drew and saw that he was naked. I put a blanket over him to cover him up," Rachel said.

Drew was taken to the hospital and Rachel's mom, who had been at work, arrived to sit with the rest of the family. Drew was in the ICU and was using a ventilator. Rachel and her family were finally able to go see Drew when he was stabilized. "I went to hold Drew's hand and started singing 'You Are My Sunshine' to him. The last phrase I sang was 'Please don't take my Drew boy away.' Then Drew squeezed my hand, which I now think of as a good-bye from him," Rachel said.

The family doctor came to talk to the Olson's about Drew. The doctor wanted to take Rachel's mom and dad into a room to talk to them, but Rachel insisted on going in with them. "I sat on my mom's lap and the doctor told us that

Drew was brain dead. I ran out of the room, sobbing, fell to the floor and started banging my fists down on the floor," Rachel said.

Drew's funeral was held a couple days later. Over 1,000 people attended Drew's visitation and funeral. "When I first saw Drew in the casket I started screaming because it didn't look like him. I started yelling, 'Who did this to him?' and crying," Rachel said.

"I miss Drew a lot and still haven't gone to visit his grave yet because I don't want to picture him underground rotting away. It will sort of be like my last good-bye when I go," Rachel said.

Many things have changed around the Olson house. Drew is no longer there slamming doors and yelling when he gets mad. He is no longer there throwing his Legos when they get messed up and out of sequence. He also isn't there watching Peter Pan, playing his favorite parts over and over. Drew is no longer taking baths in his favorite spot, his jacuzzi.

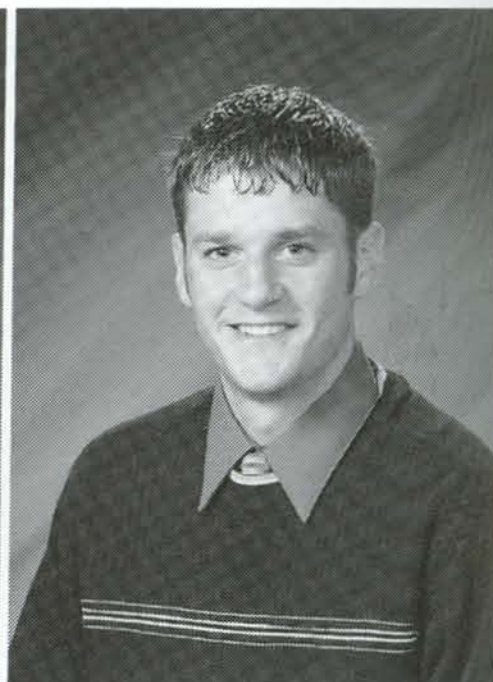
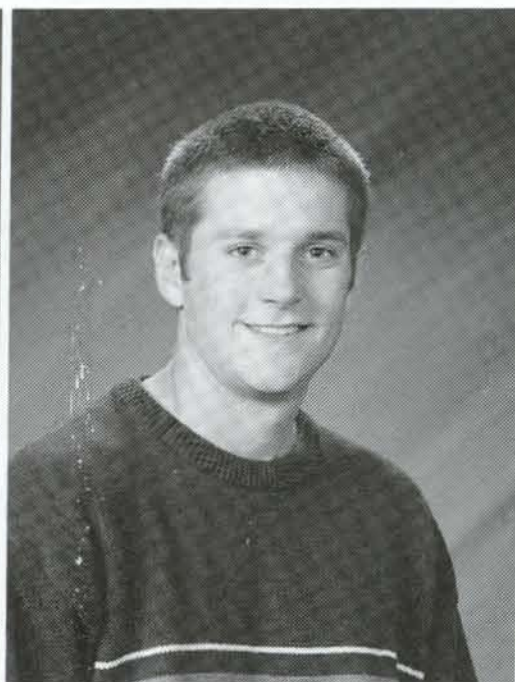
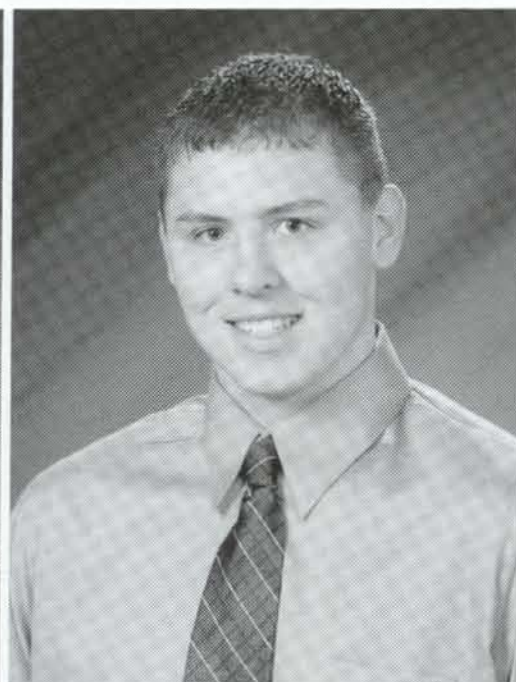
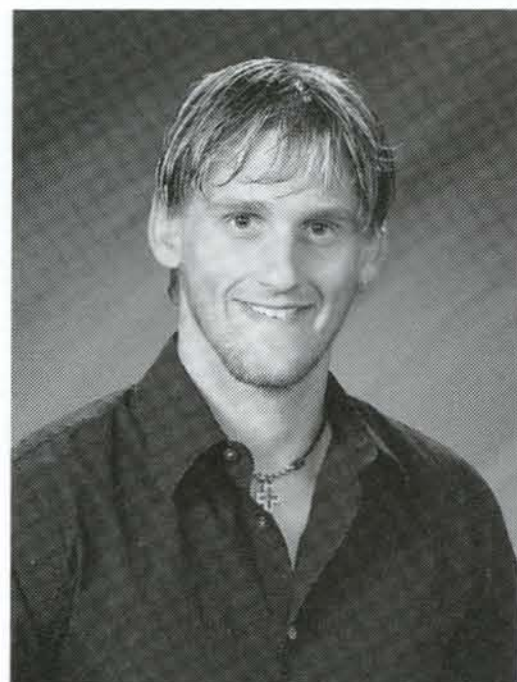
"I feel it is better. I still want him here, but I think he's in a better place," Rachel said.

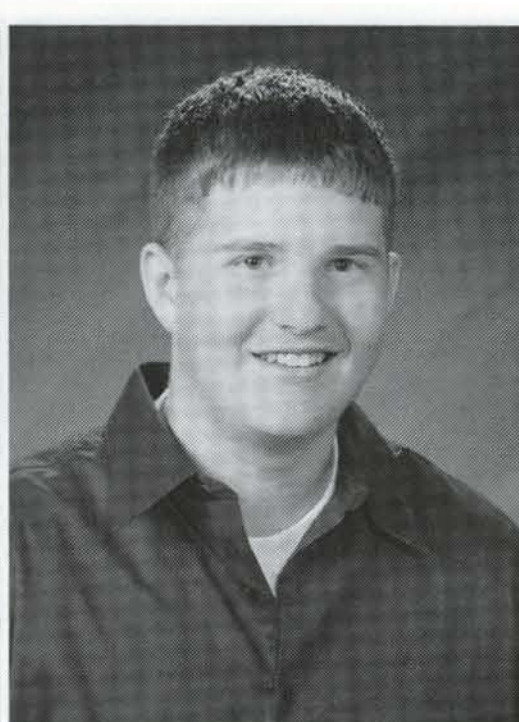
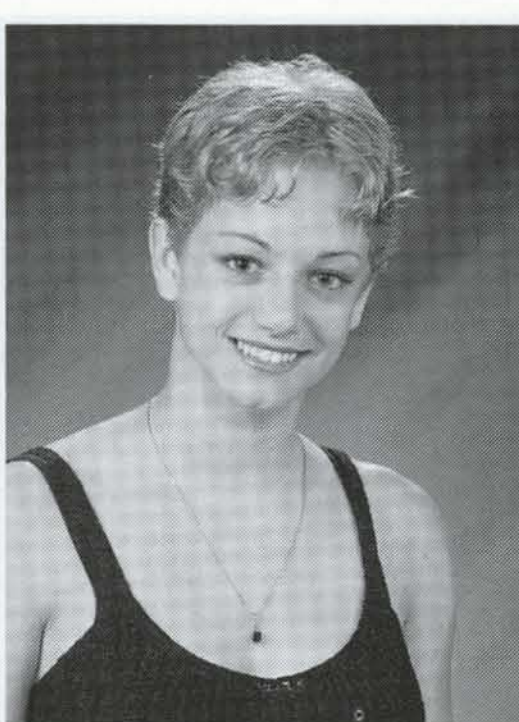
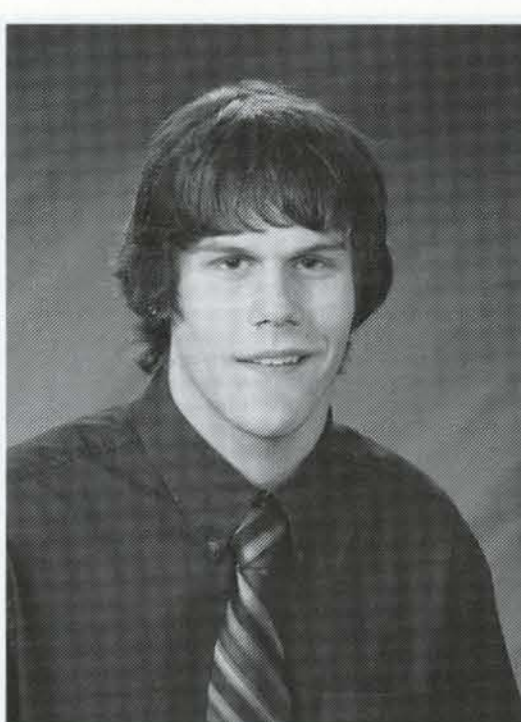


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Rachel Olson (above) looks at pictures of her brother as she lays next to a vase made from Drew's favorite toy, legos. Photograph courtesy of Rachel Olson.

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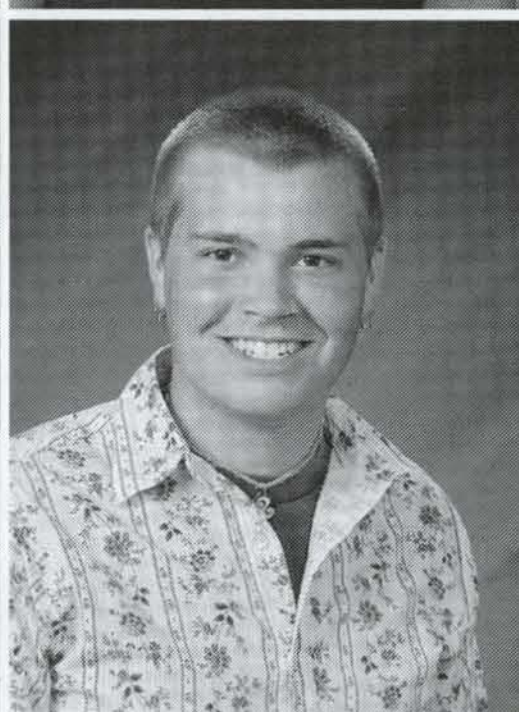
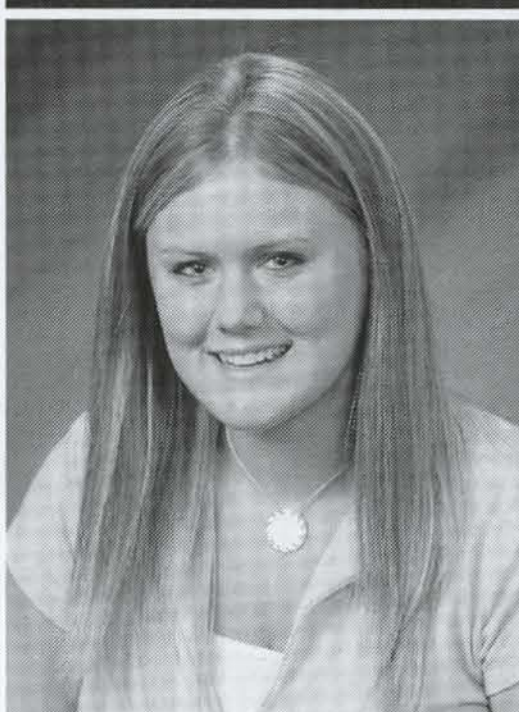
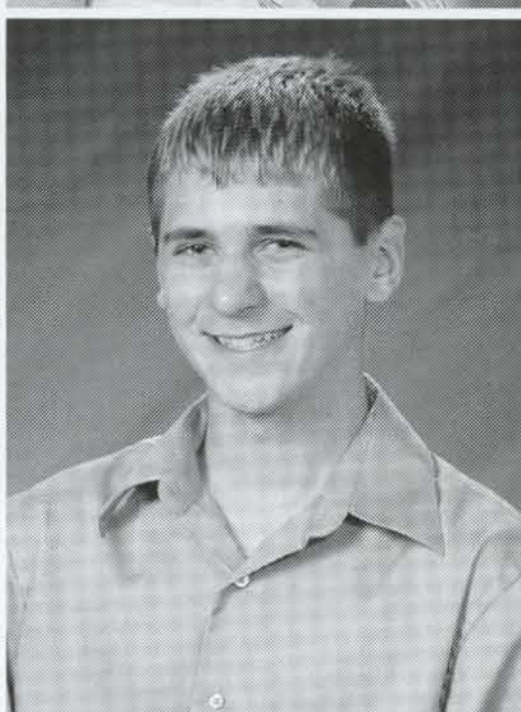




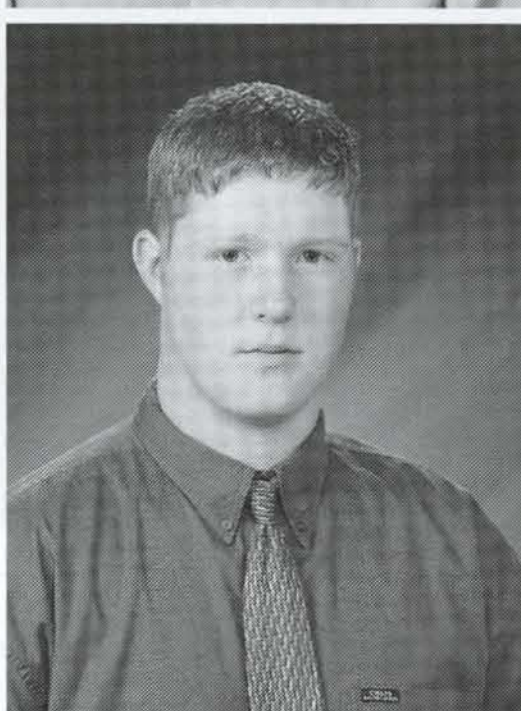
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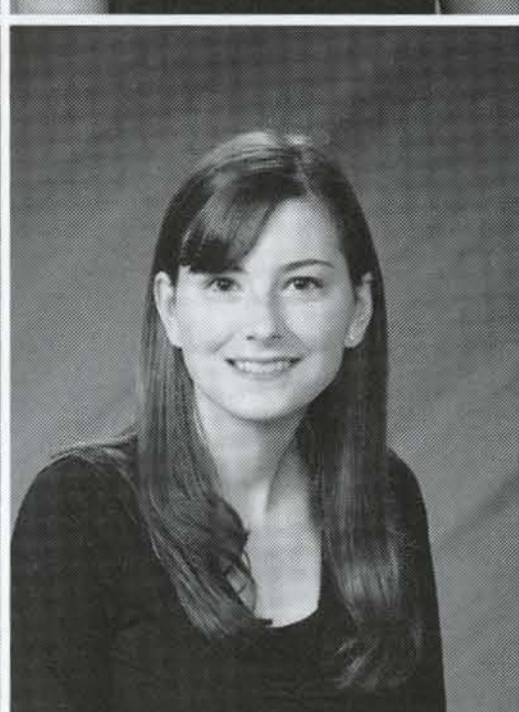
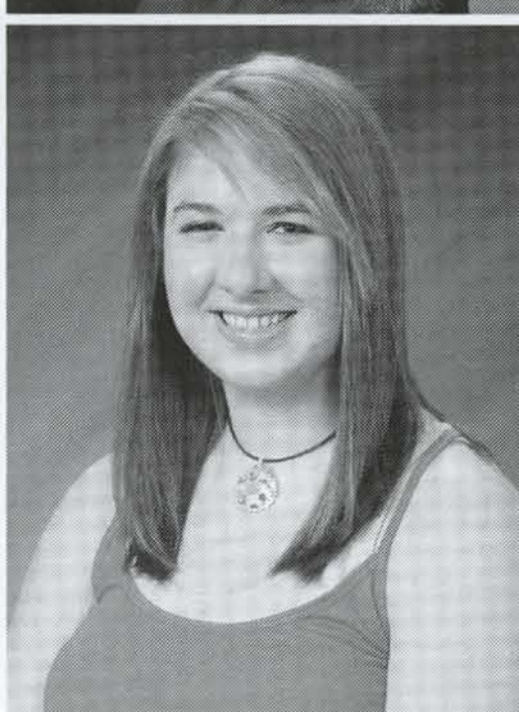
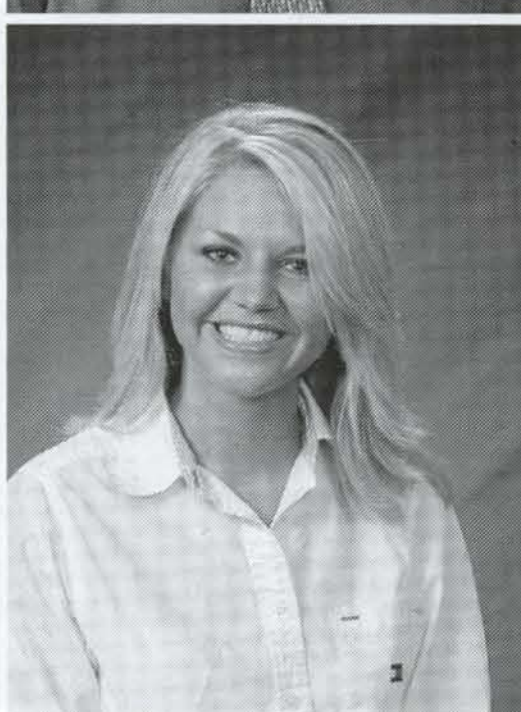
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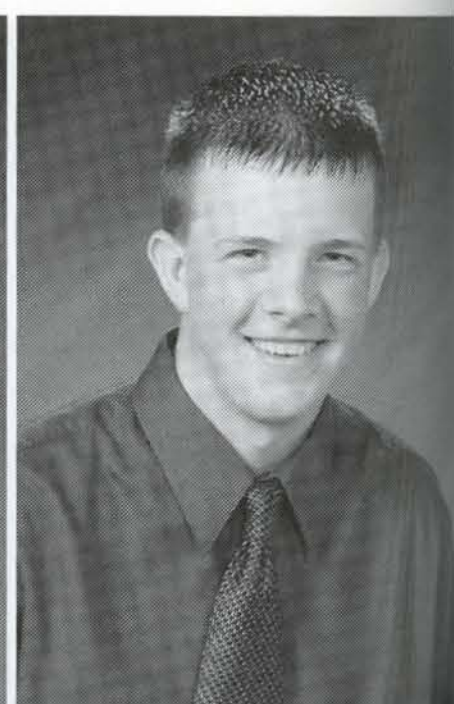
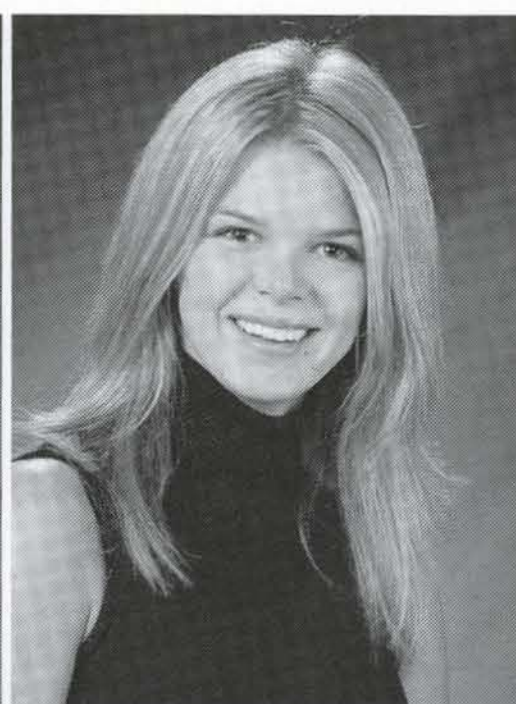
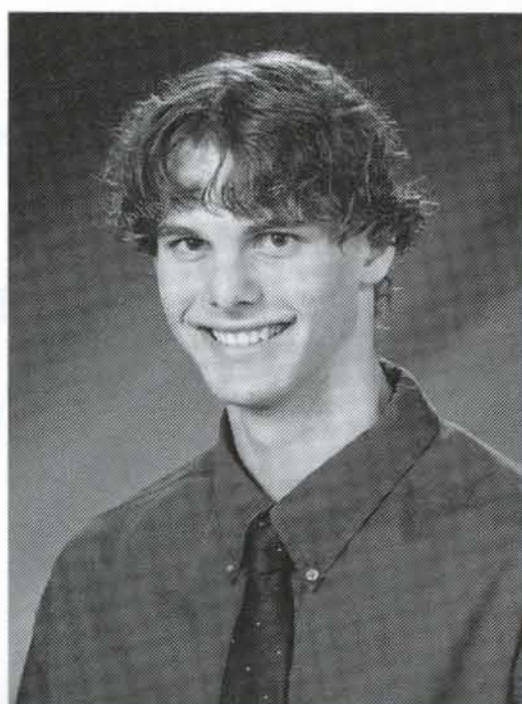
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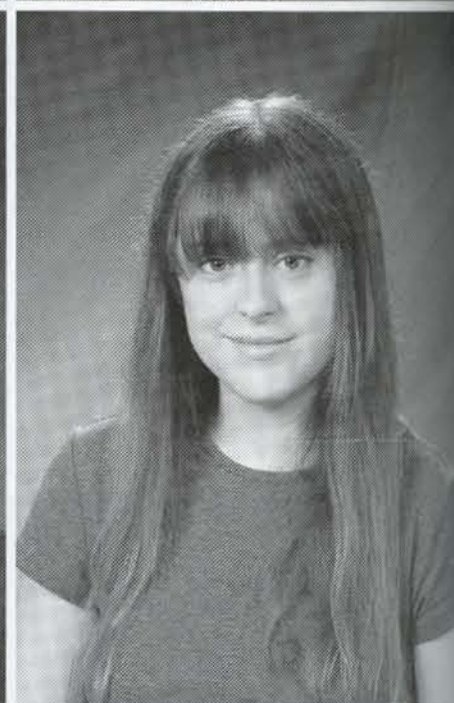
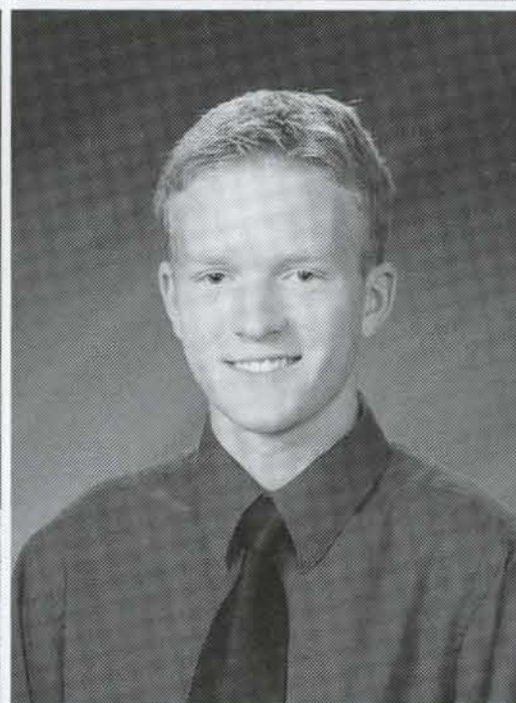
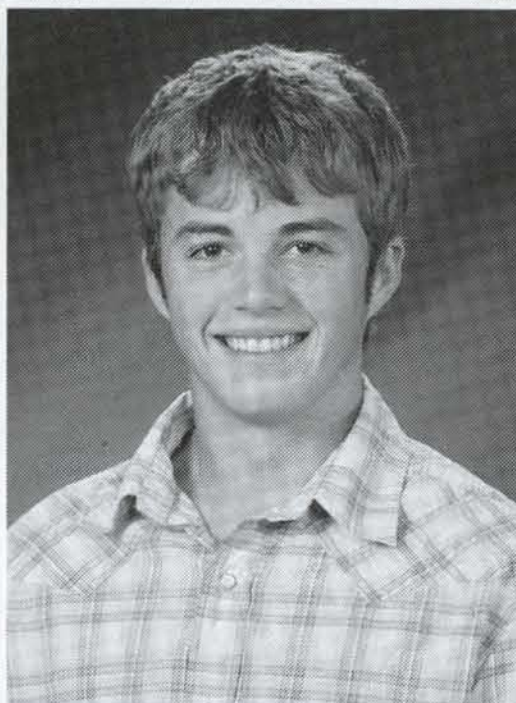
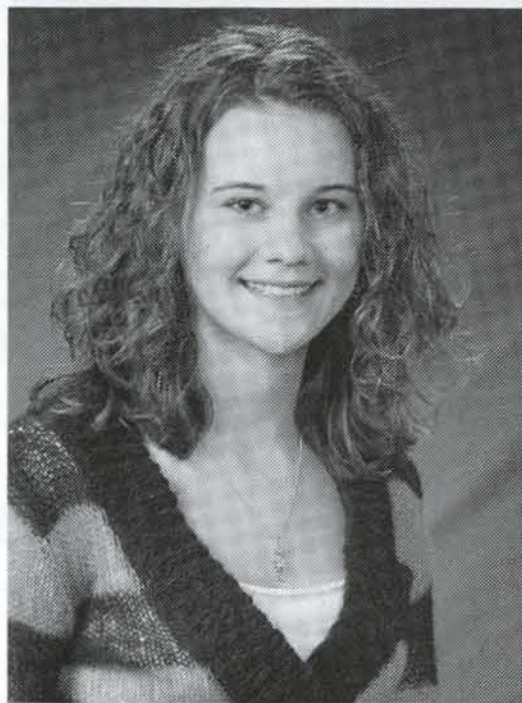
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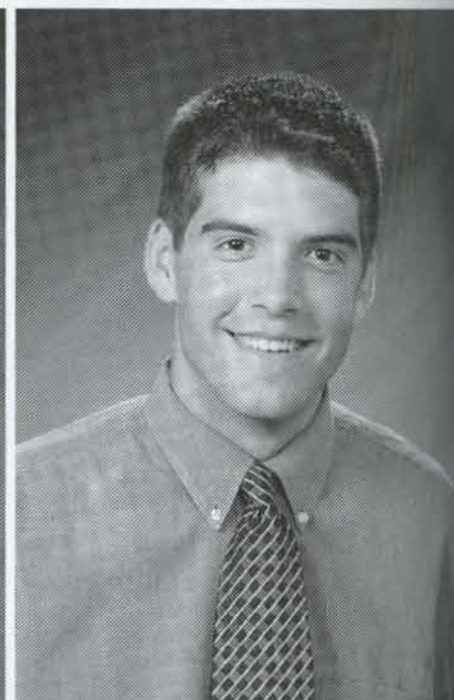
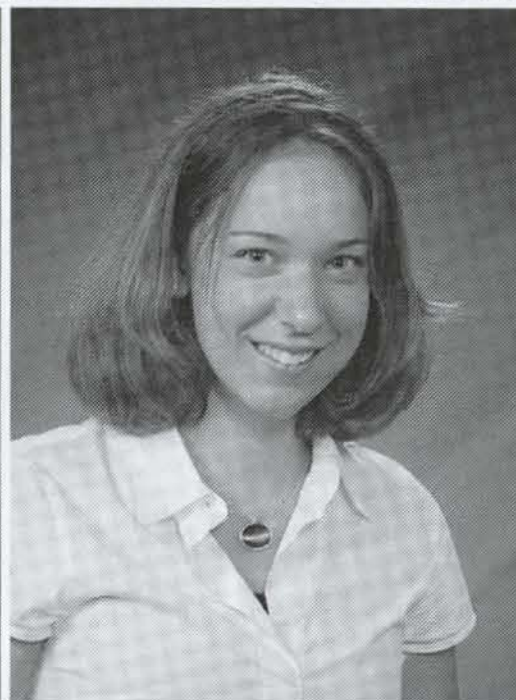
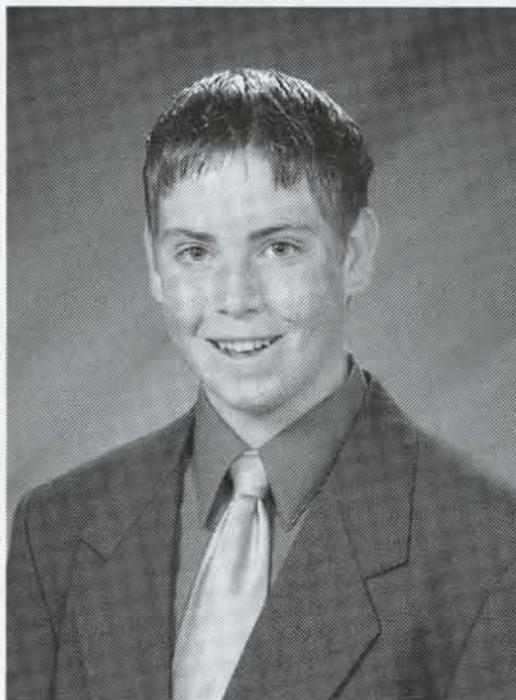
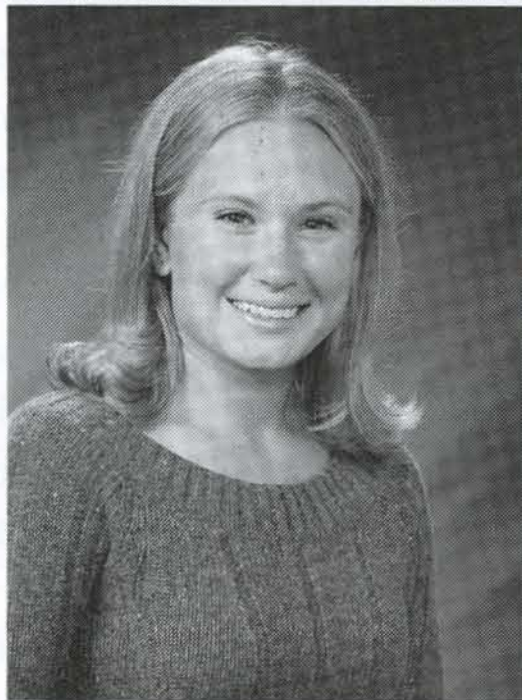
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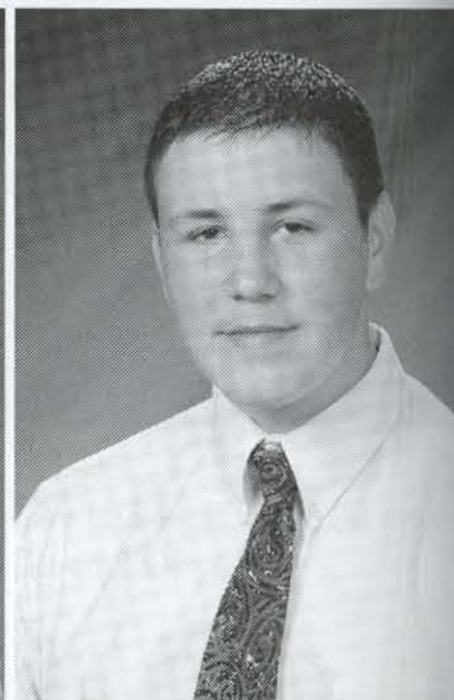
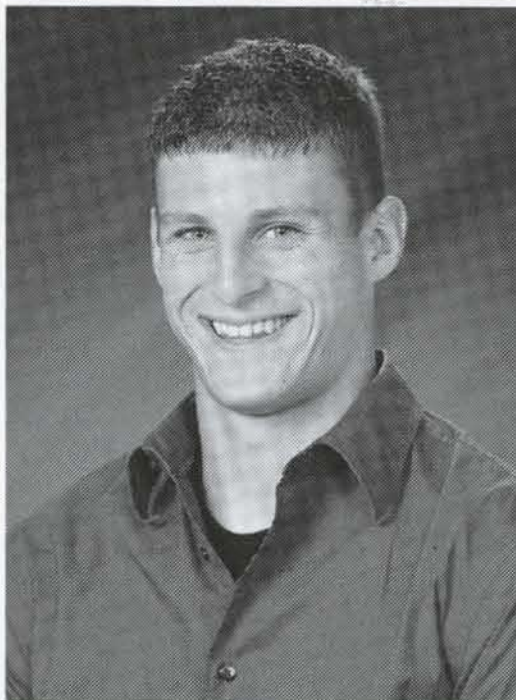
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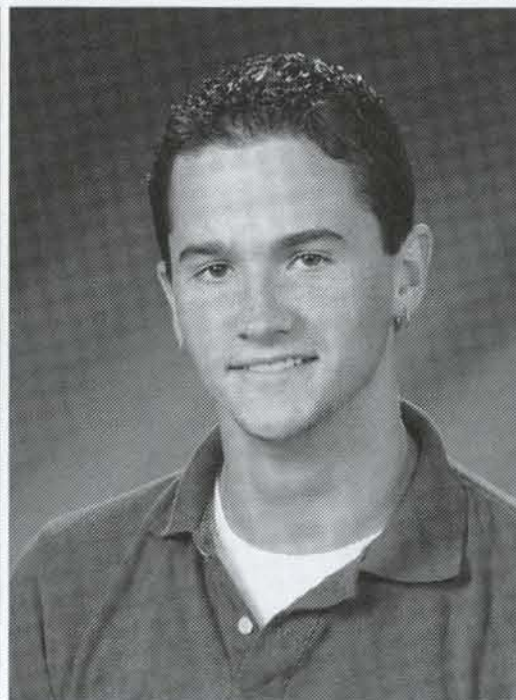
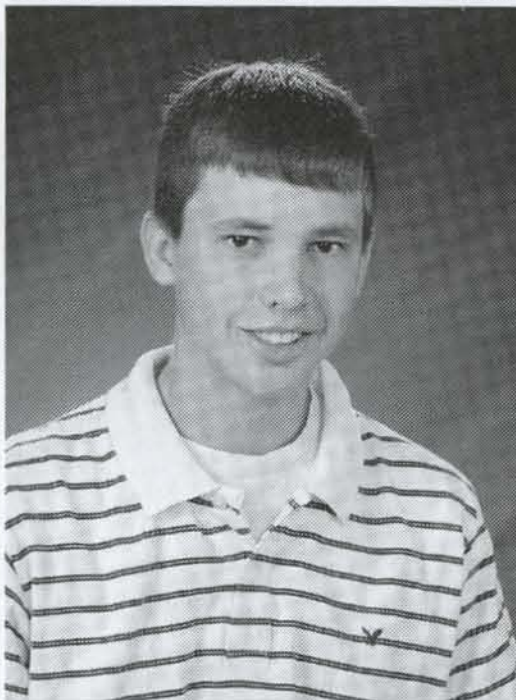
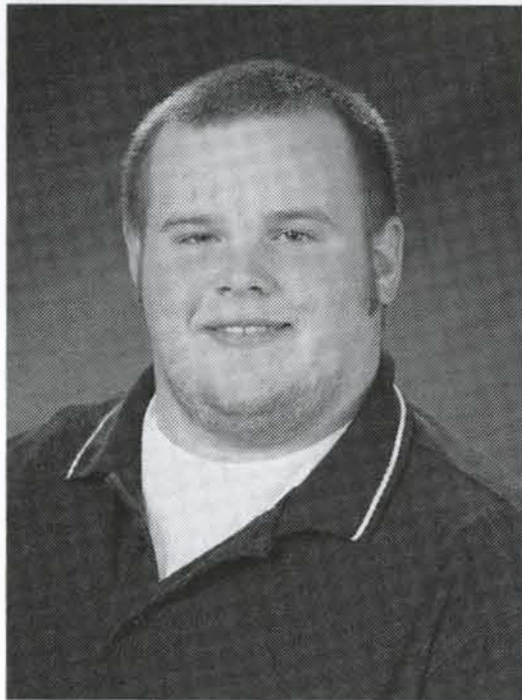
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Modern Day Hero

After colliding with a car, Jason Rehtmeyer pulled passengers from a flipped Bravada and saved them from injury

By Mallory McCoy

As the summer sun is beating down on the Funks Grove paintball field, Jason Rehtmeyer, who is employed there by his dad is driving to get some ice.

Three miles out as he turns the corner, he sees that a large Bravada is heading toward his small Taurus, coming straight at him. The woman and her two children in the car are turning the same corner. The newly paved roads had not yet been marked with road dividers, so both cars were headed straight for each other.

By the time they noticed each other's presence it was too late to do anything. The mother drove her and her two children over the top of the Taurus, flipping the Bravada as it landed on the driver's side, totaling the Taurus. Rehtmeyer failed to wear his seat belt.

"The airbag saved my life!" Rehtmeyer said, "but it smelt like burnt popcorn."

The frame was bent from the collision, so Rehtmeyer had to kick his door open because it failed to open regularly. He rushed out of the car.

"It was the longest 20 foot run of my life!" said Rehtmeyer, "The scariest thing I had to do."

He climbed up to peer down into the windows of the large Bravada to see that everyone was all okay and still strapped into their seat belts.

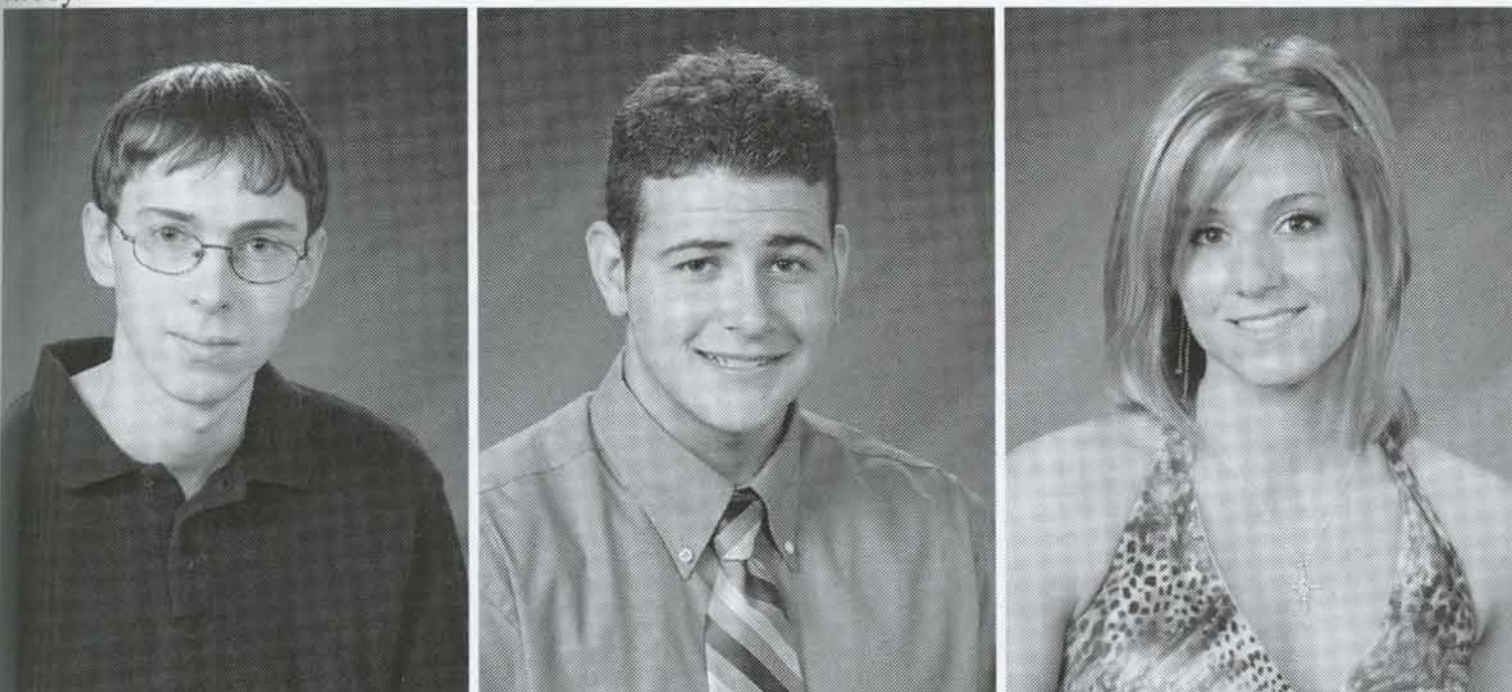
Rehtmeyer ran up the street in a panic, screaming for help. Neighbors, who witnessed the accident, quickly rushed out to help.

After removing the children from the back seat, Rehtmeyer and the neighbors worked together to pull the mother from the car, all without a scratch.

The only injuries as a result of this accident were burns on Rehtmeyer's face and arms from the air bag, which saved his life.

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Jason Rehtmeyer was involved in an accident and, using the strength demonstrated above, he pulled the passengers in the other vehicle from the car. Photograph by Mallory McCoy.



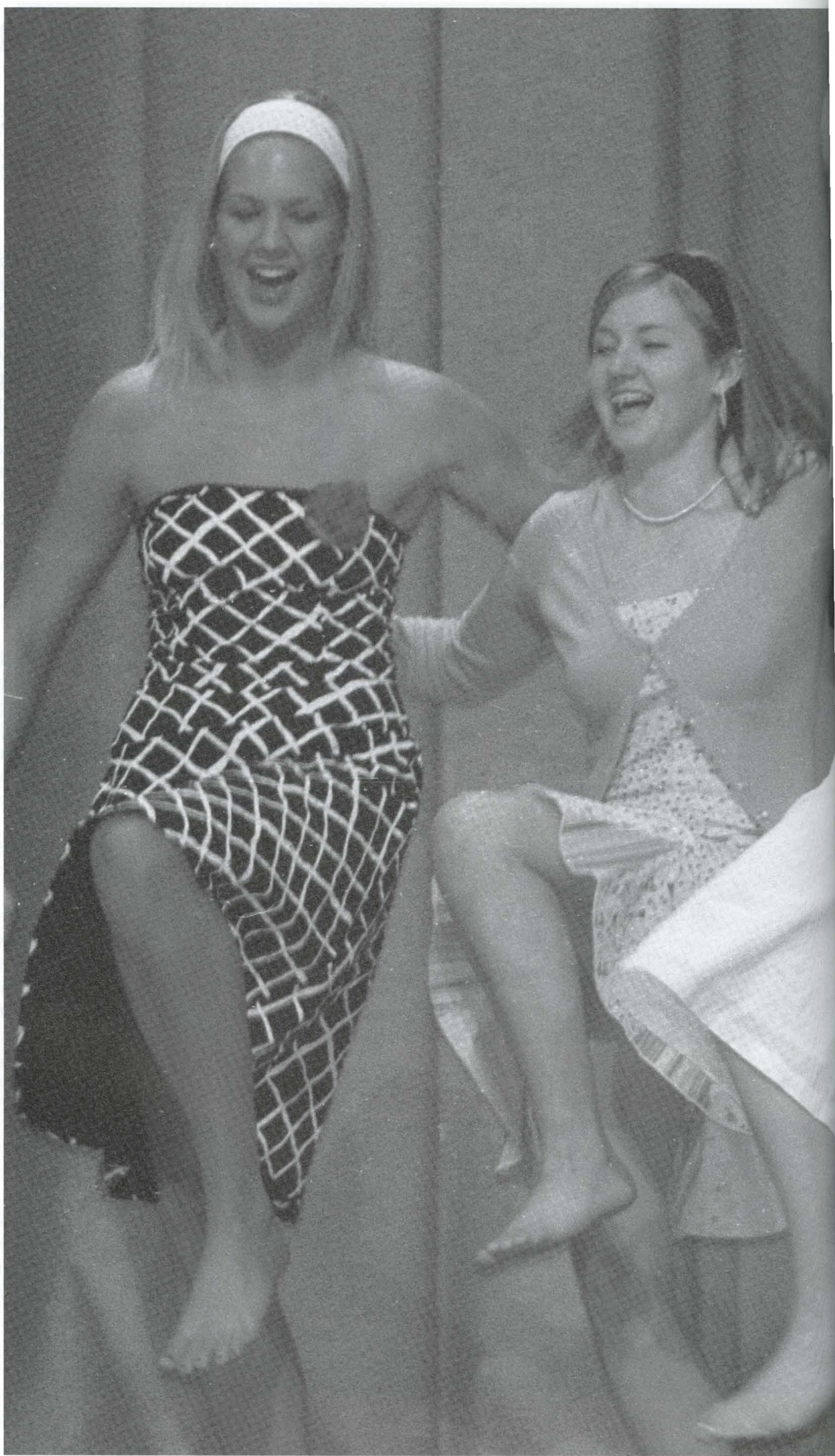
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Every Junior

Junior year is learning that the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence. Until you become an upperclassman, you wanted to be an upperclassman. Upperclassmen don't get pushed around, upperclassmen aren't taken advantage of. They get to sit in the lounge furniture and end your year with prom.

The truth is, however, being an upperclassman doesn't change anything. Instead thoughts drift toward becoming a senior without even realizing it while junior year continues on full speed ahead.

While freedom increases, responsibility does too. Junior year could possibly be the most vital and changing year of your high school career.

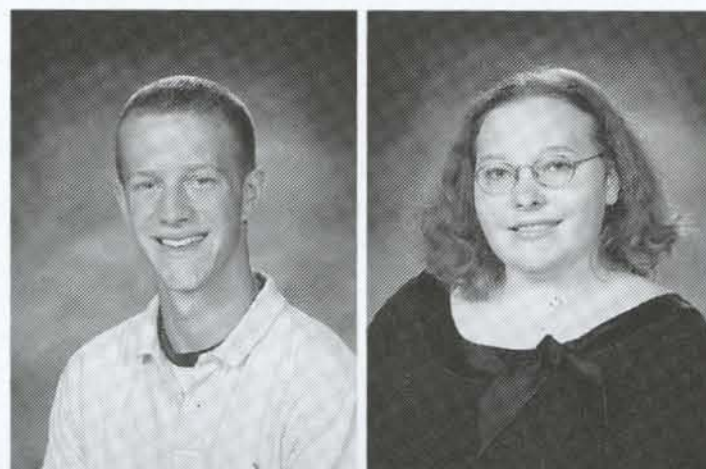
One of the biggest academic tests of our life is the ACT. The score could determine college acceptances. The test is supposed to be a review about everything already learned, but it depends on what classes were taken during high school.

Searching the somewhat never-ending sea of colleges is also a huge task. To get a sense of what kind of campuses are available, juniors often travel out of state during the school year.

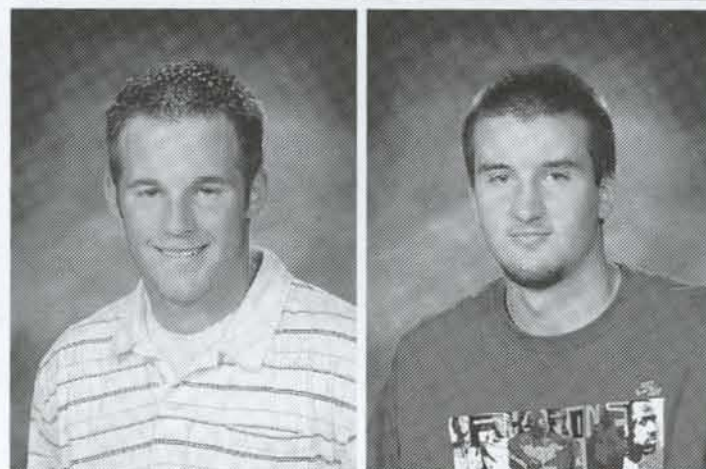
On top of all of that, the prom buzz begins even before the New Year. All eyes are on the junior class and seniors put the pressure on pretty hard to make their senior prom as good as it can be.

In the end, junior year seems to fly by and you finally realize your life as a high school student is almost over. You finally realize that your grass has always been as green as it can get. [By Chelcei Fischer. Pictures by Allie Jocson, Catherine Anhalt, and Erica Rohren]

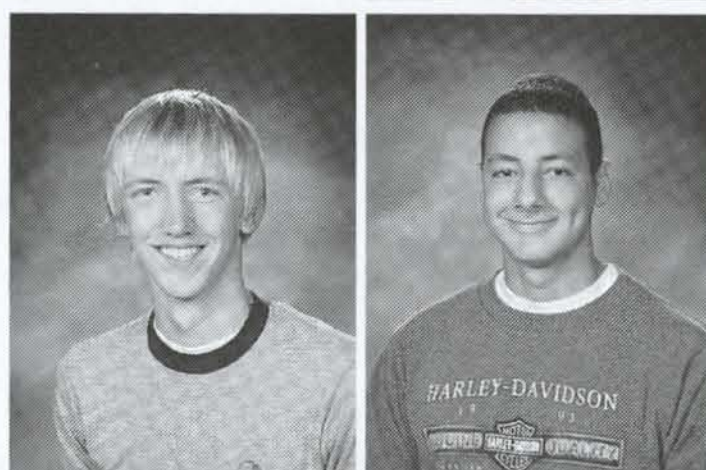
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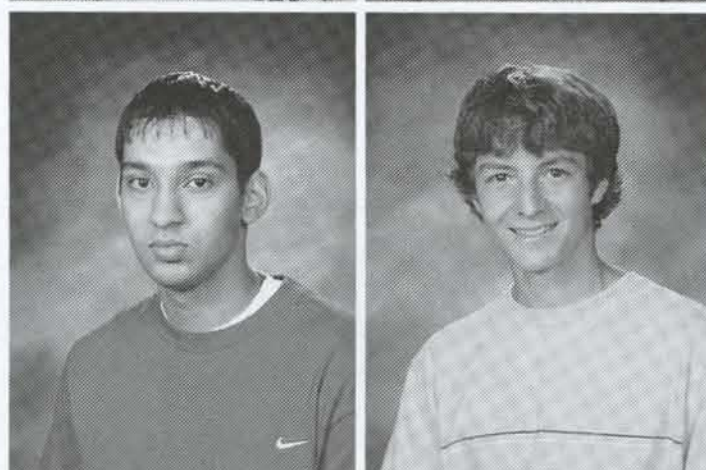
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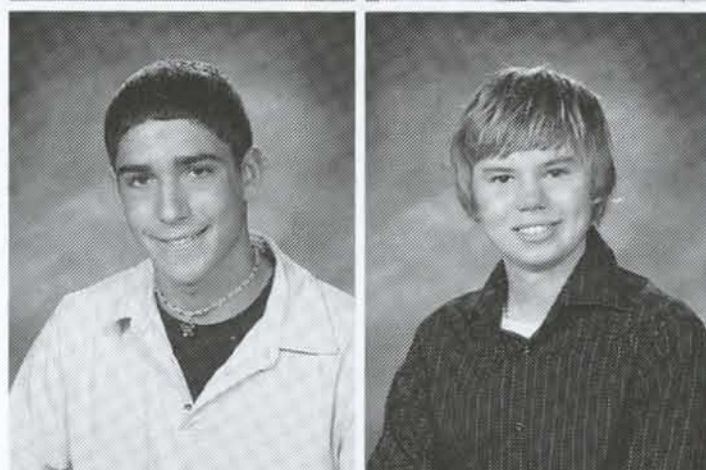
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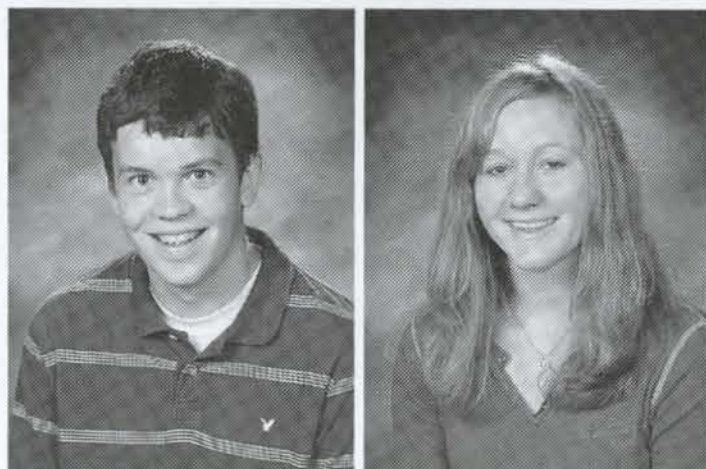
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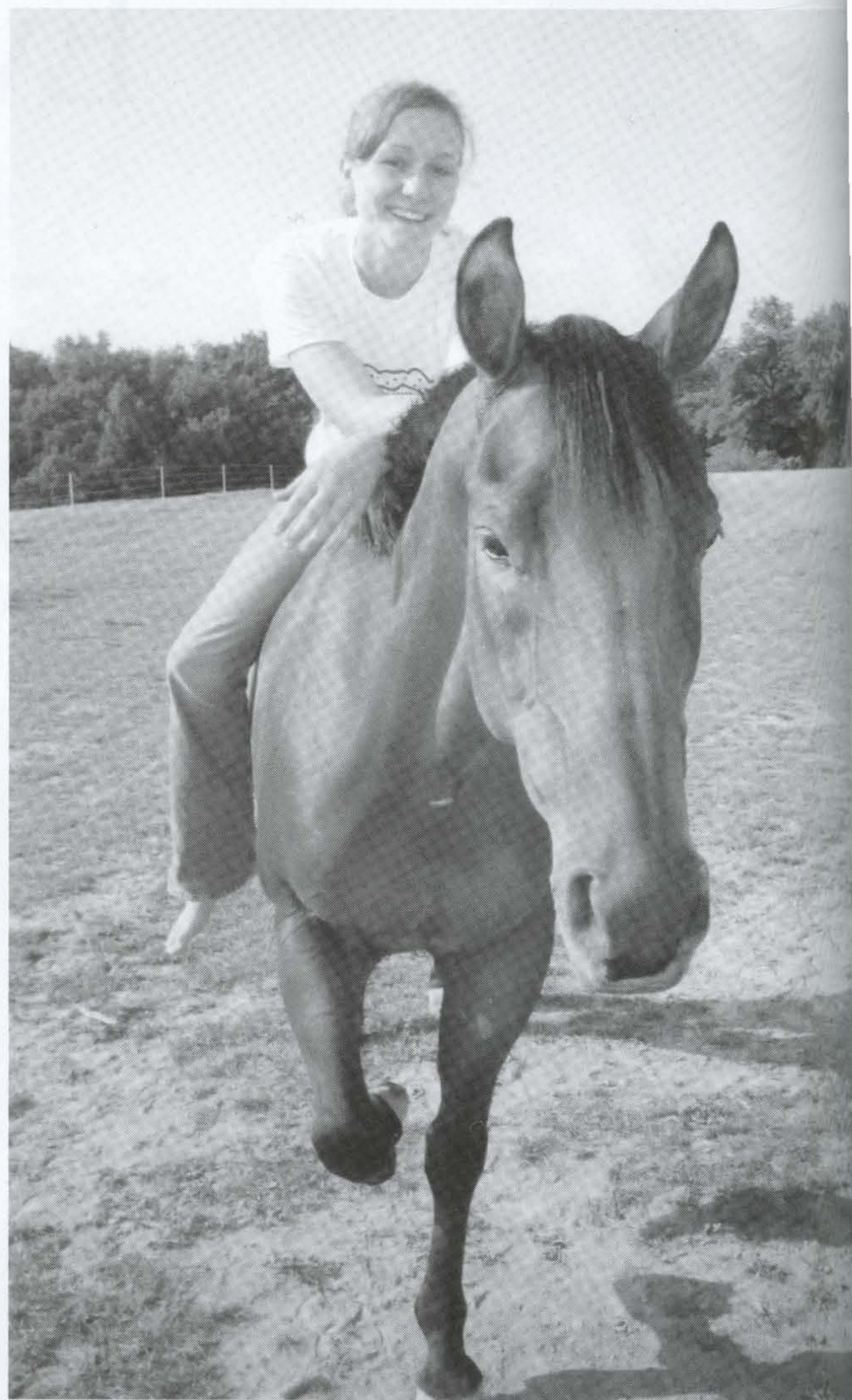
Extraordinary Judgement

Sarah Berg may not have a familiar hobby, but it's one she excels at

By Abby Meisner

Sarah Berg will tell you that judging horses isn't an easy job, and she should know. She was good enough to get to compete at a world level.

Berg is a member of the Illinois Quarter Horse Youth Judging team. This team has given her many opportunities.



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Berg (above) spends an afternoon with her horse, Hal, at her barn during the warm summer weather. Photograph courtesy of Sarah Berg.

"I've gotten to travel all over America. The coolest place we got to go was Fort Worth, Texas for the Quarter Horse World Competition," Berg said.

"Going to Worlds turned into a total road trip," Berg said. Since funds were limited and plane tickets were too expensive, the team, coach, and a parent drove the 20 hour trip.

"Since we spent so much time in the car, we used it to benefit us. We brought tapes of classes and practiced judging the whole way down there," Berg said.

"The first thing we did was judge halter," she said. In the halter portion, they line four horses up head to tail. You look at the way each horse is put together compared to the other three horses in the class. "We judged four halter classes, and then had a 10 minute break," she said.

"After our break, we had to walk to a different coliseum and judge our four performance classes," she said. In the four performance classes, you judge western pleasure, English pleasure, and two other classes of their choice. In the pleasure classes, you look at each of the four horses walk, trot and canter. You compare their quality of movement and how they behave and respond to the riders' cues.

During the performance portion the judge looks at the horse's movement and how it handles itself as it is being ridden.

"After we judged our performance classes, we had lunch and then got an hour to study our notes before the reasons portion of the contest," Berg said.

In the reasons portion you go into a room with an advisor and explain why you placed a specific class the way you did. It must be memorized in a short period of time, so you must have good notes.

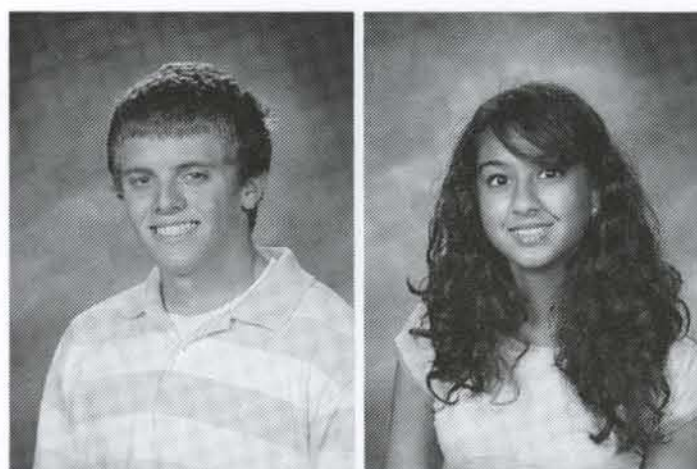
"We did really well for our first time down there. We got 13th overall, which is really awesome, especially because we had never done reasons at a contest before," Berg said.

The team has set goals and is working towards improving at reasons. "We are going to try and get better at reasons and hope to do better overall," Berg said. When they knew they were going, they started working with Aaron Callahan, a horse judging coach from Blackhawk College.

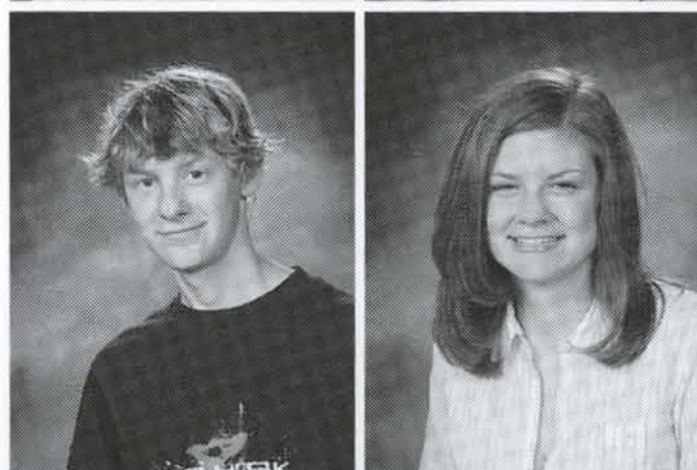
Berg looks up to Callahan "They've won a lot and he really helped us. He taught us a lot about the reasons portion of judging," Berg said.

Before they went to Worlds, they competed all over the state and a few contests in states near Illinois. They won every contest they were in that year, and had individuals placing in the top 20, including Sarah who placed 10th at internationals.

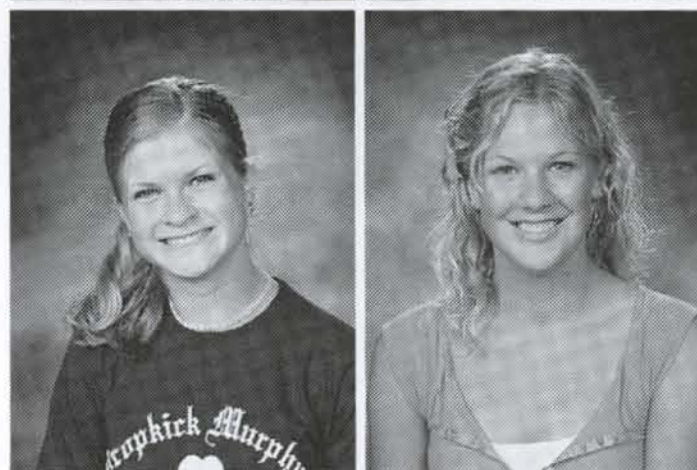
"I plan on doing something that involves horses when I grow up but I don't plan on judging in the future," Berg said.



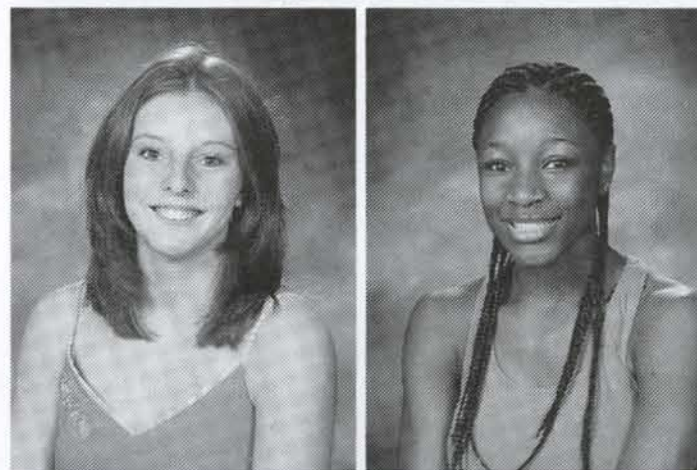
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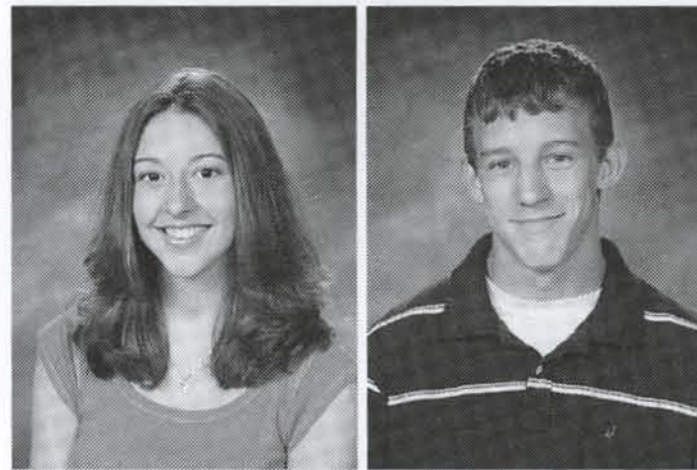
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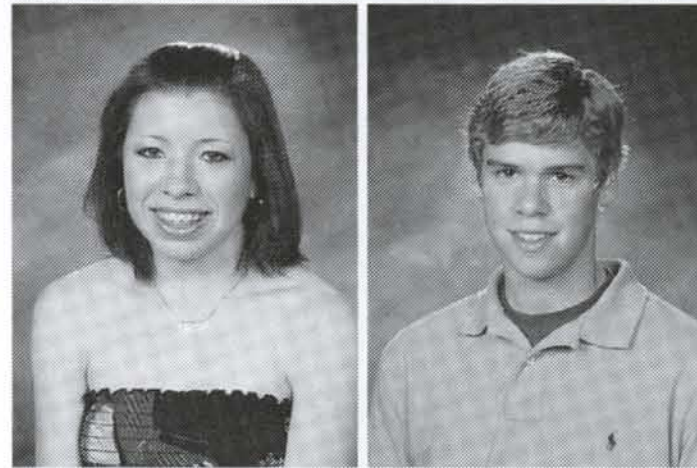
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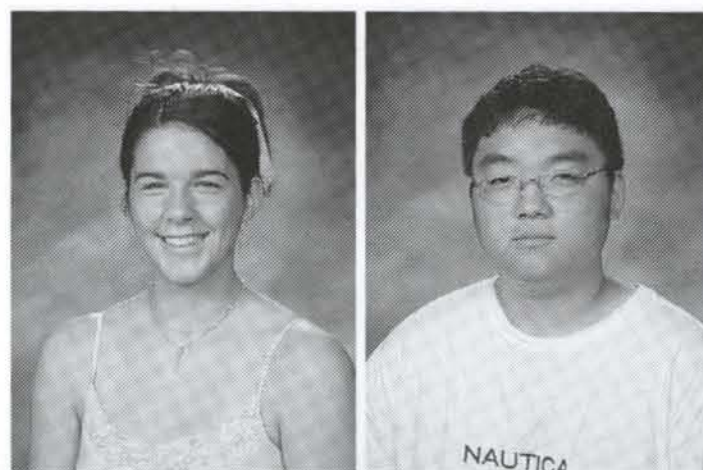


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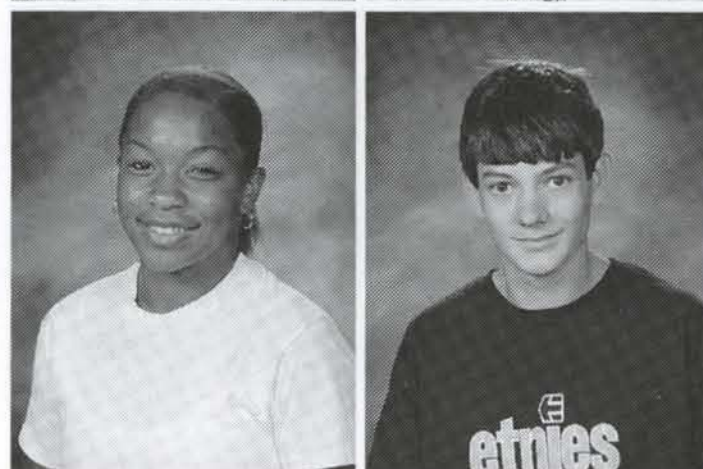


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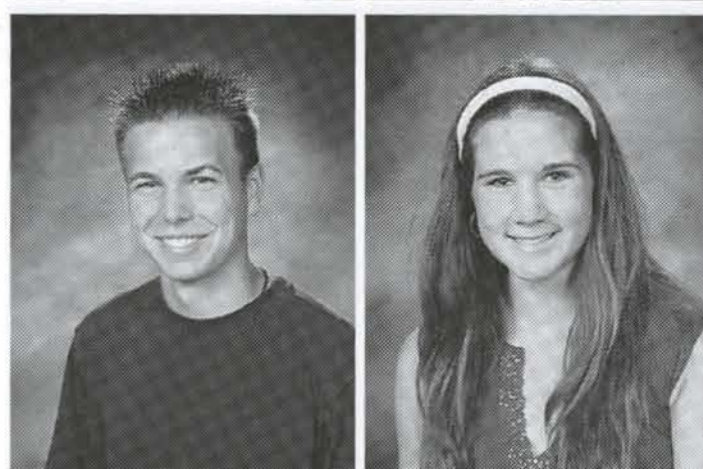
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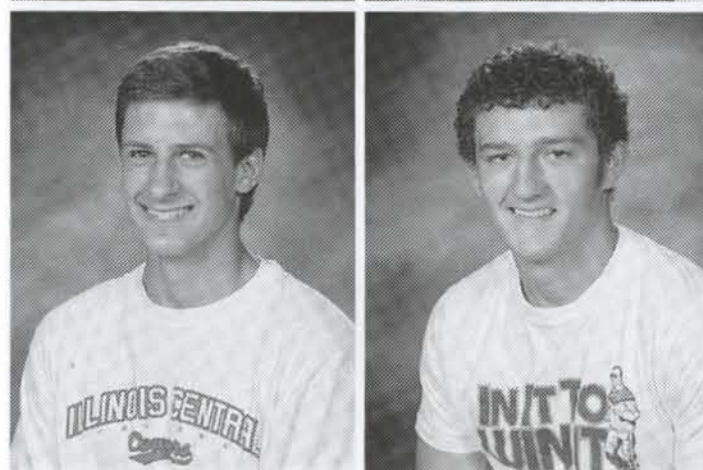
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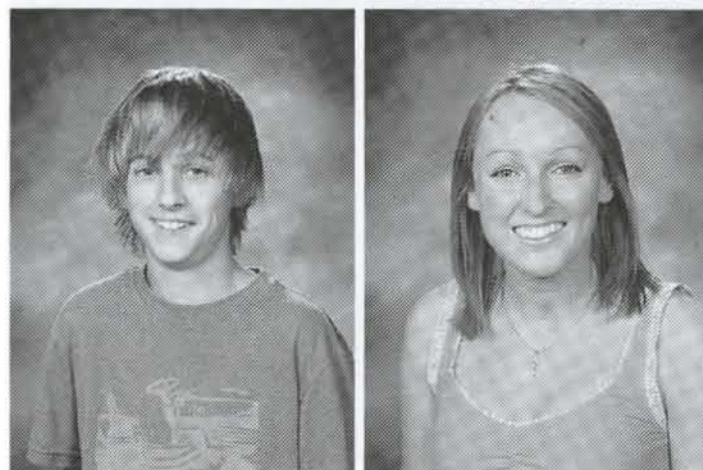
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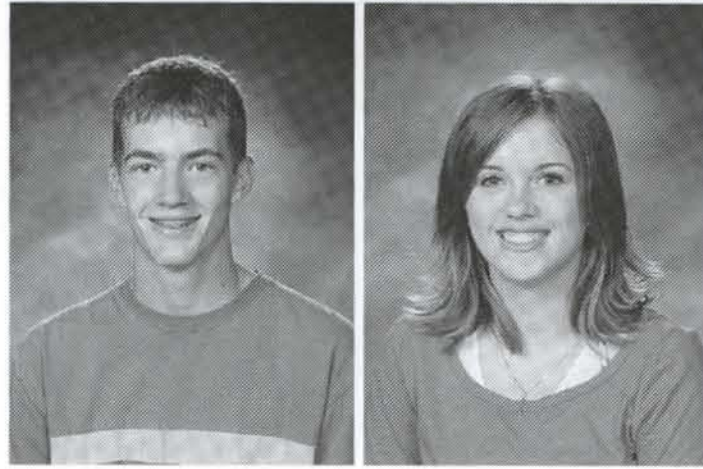
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Amanda French (above) readies for a play during the 2004 National Competition in Salt Lake City. Photograph courtesy of Amanda French.

Second Time Around

Amanda French was awarded another chance after U-High's tryouts

By Marlee Cooper

When Amanda French had a somewhat disappointing season with the U-High volleyball team her sophomore year, her club volleyball team stepped it up a notch. In the summer of 2004, they were invited to the National Competition in Salt Lake City.

"Staying in a hotel with your friends, going out to dinner with them, it doesn't get much better," said French. Not only was she able to play at the national level, but she made some of the best friendships along the way.

Amanda French got to go to Nationals for club volleyball twice. Playing in the tournament was only half the fun. When you become a part of a traveling team, you become very close and the girls are almost sisters to you.

"I miss them so much. We were the greatest team together. We could always joke around and had so much fun, I love them so much," French said.

"In between matches we would all walk around and talk to the other teams, it was fun meeting new people," French said.

At the competition, it is customary to bring a gift for the opposing team, whether it's a towel, CD, water bottle, or key chain. When the whistle is blown, the two teams exchange their gift and give a good luck handshake.

Seeding at the game plays a big role in your chances of success.

"At Nationals we were seeded unluckily so it made it harder for us," she said. "Plus the competition is different. You can usually have a bad game and get away with it, but at nationals you can't have a bad game because once you lose you're done," French said.

Sports Performance Team, also known as SPRY, is one of the top teams in the state and gave French's team a little extra competition.

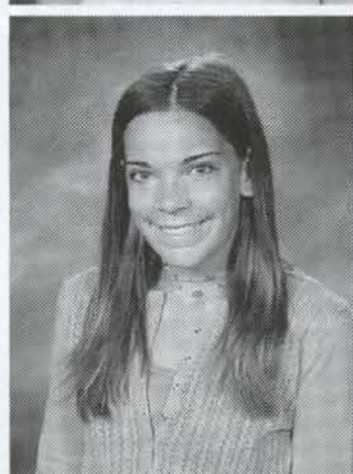
"We were all a little nervous playing but it was all just fun. We didn't think of it as if we were at Nationals. SPRY was our hardest competitor. I think beating them in the match was our greatest victory," French said.

When her club team went back to National for the second time, they wanted to meet the challenge but still have fun.

"Our first year at Nationals we just wanted to have fun, but this year our goal was to place higher than the year before. I think we achieved both of those goals. I have some lasting memories but most of all I miss the girls," French said.



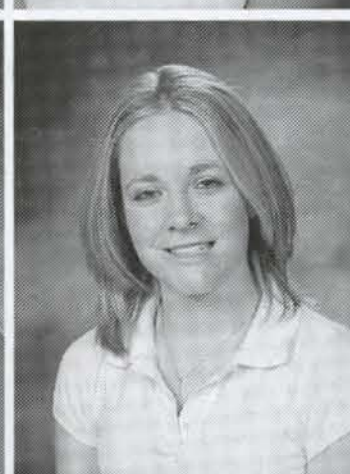
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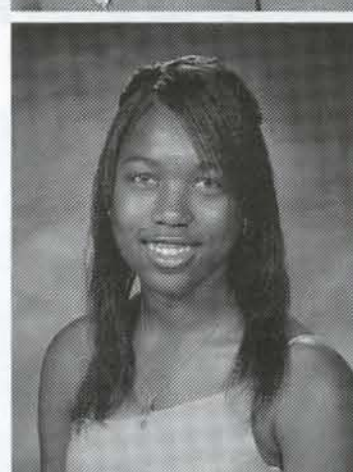
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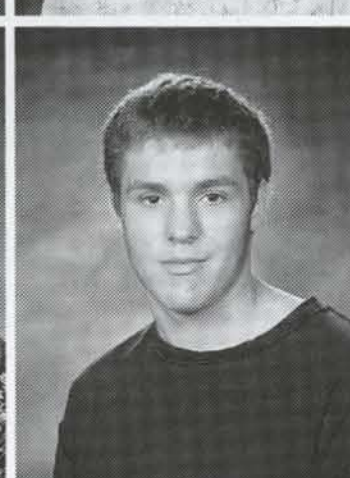
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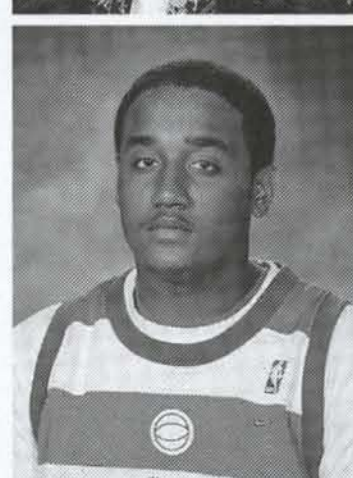
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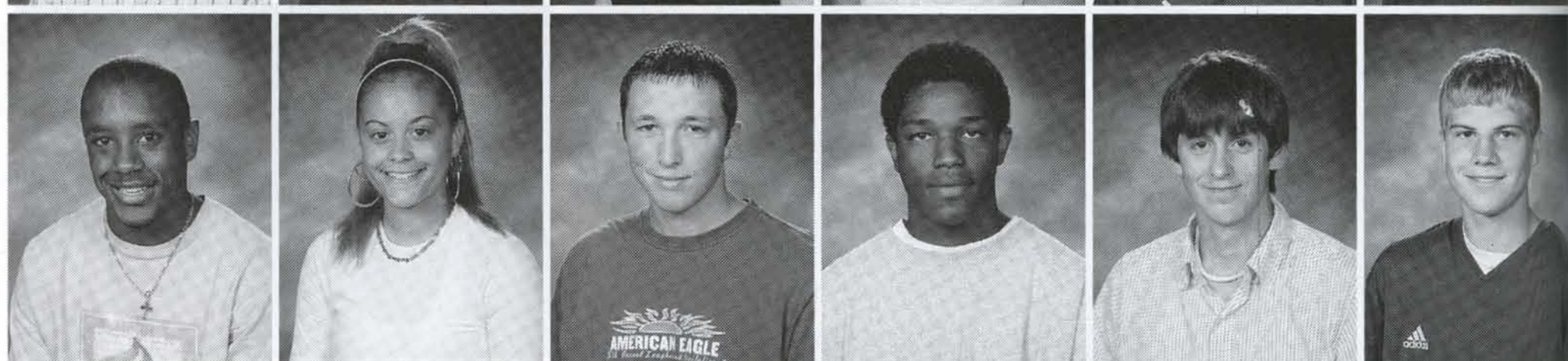


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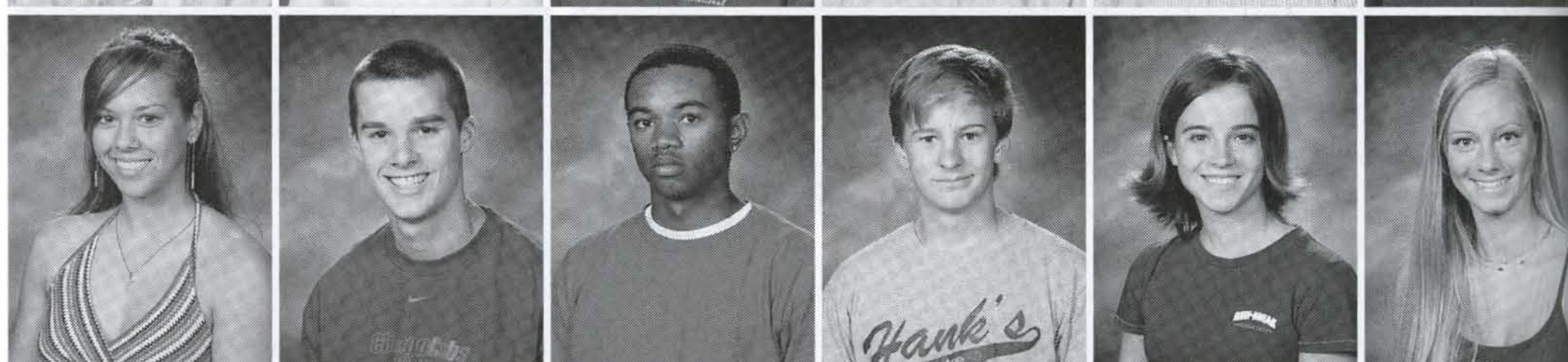
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Right Up His Alley

Nick Heckelman finds a new passion that has run in his family for generations

By Laura Bullinger

During the spring break of his sixth grade year, Nick Heckelman had a life altering experience and he wasn't even wearing his own shoes.

Heckelman went bowling with some of his friends one day and became interested in the game. His friend Ryan Eaves struck an interest that led him where he is today. His ultimate goal is to go pro.

He taught himself the basics and now belongs on team Security along with Eaves. In 2001, Security placed fourth in the state. They have been to the state tournament every year as a team. Heckelman also plays in the State Farm League that plays for eight weeks.

Heckelman's highest score is 279, one pin away

from a perfect game. The highest you can get is a 300, but the only way you can achieve that is having multiple strikes each game. His average game score is about 194.

Some of his achievements are placing 46th in the 2003 Pepsi Cola Zone 7 Boys 12 and over Handicap with a total score of 742. He has also qualified for the 2004-2005 Pepsi Zone Tournament. He came home placing 55th with a total score of 771.

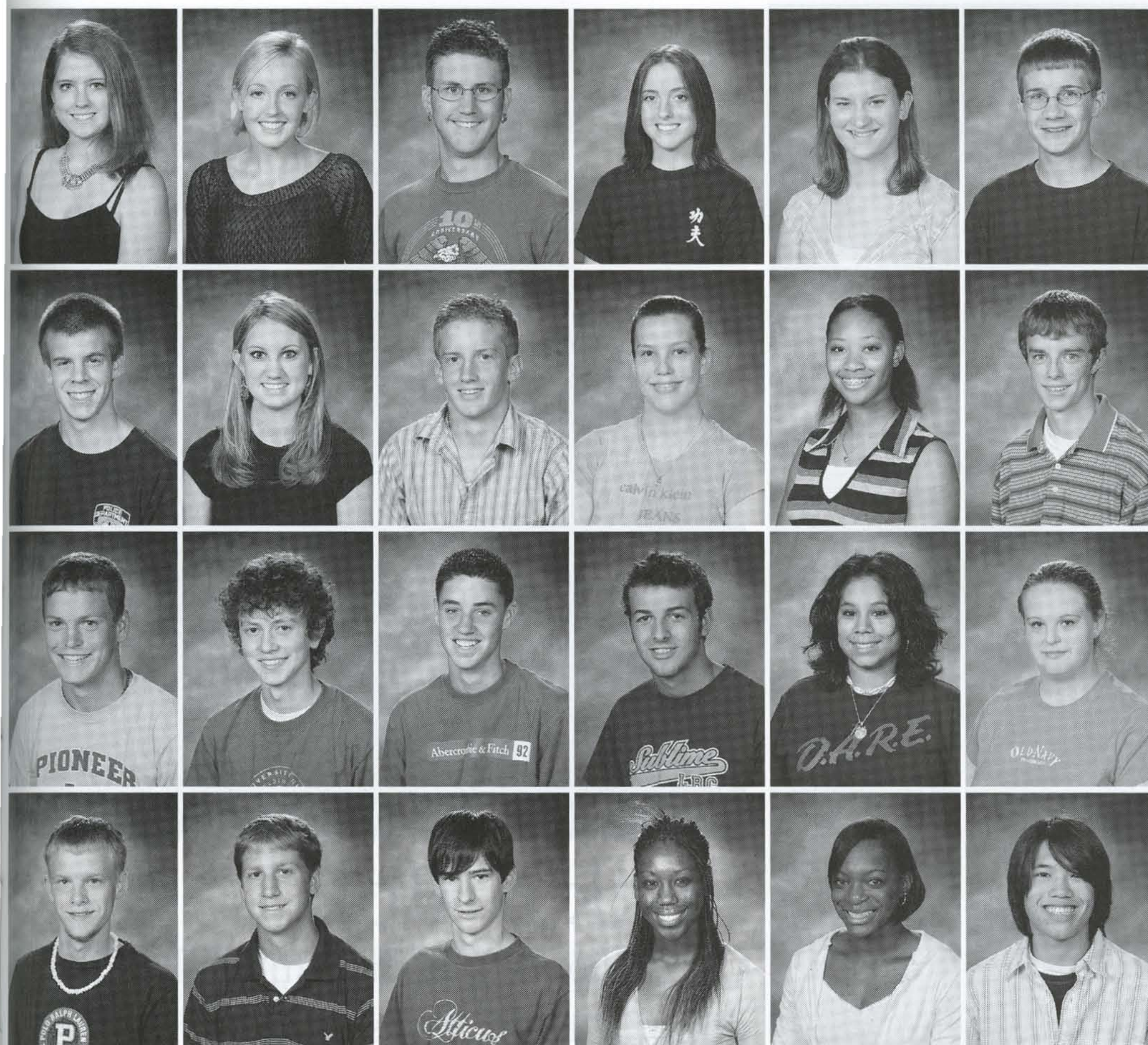
Every bowler has a routine to stay focused and consistent. Heckelman's routine starts after every shot; he puts his towel on the bottom of his ball, then his wrist brace over the ball. After the bowler in front of him takes their first shot, he takes off his wrist brace, takes two to three puffs from the resin bag, then slips his thumb into his wrist brace.

The resin bag helps to keep his hands dry to prevent them from slipping around and gives a good grip on the ball. He puts the towel on the ball, holds it close to him, cleans it, and then steps up to the lane.

"My routine helps my timing," Heckelman said.

Once he has completed this routine, he is ready to bowl. The thing that goes through his mind as he bowls is how he did during the last shot and what he needs to do to fix any problems.

"Bowling is all muscle memory," said Heckelman. He uses a five-step approach starting off on his left leg. He



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Drew Miller
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Jamison Morrow
Samuel Moses
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Nicole Neal
Jason Nguyen

lifts the ball with his two middle fingers to give the ball a 10:30 rotation, like a clock. Heckelman is the leadoff bowler for his team, so a strategy he uses to intimidate his opponent is to throw a strike in the tenth frame.

Following the tradition of his father and grandfathers, Nick found another sport he could excel in.

"After bowling for a while, he established new friends with a common interest who became his teammates," Heckelman's mother, Gayle, said.

Bowling has changed him by helping him to focus on accomplishing a goal. He believes that bowling has also taught him to be more patient with himself and how to deal with obstacles.

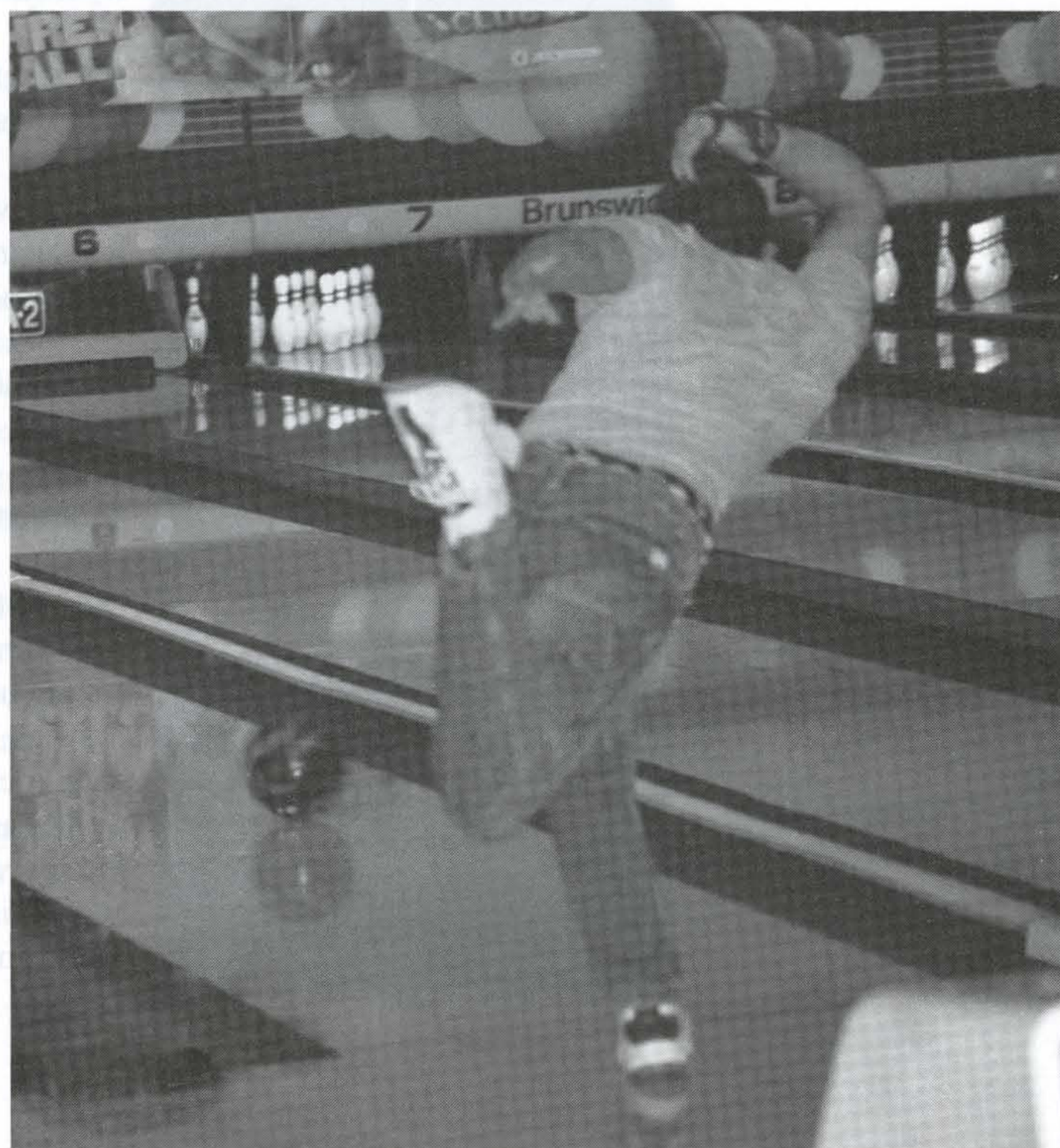
"I can't be perfect every time. If you're not having a good day, you need to find a way to get through it," he said.

Heckelman sees bowling helping him in the future. He is hoping that bowling will get him a scholarship for college.

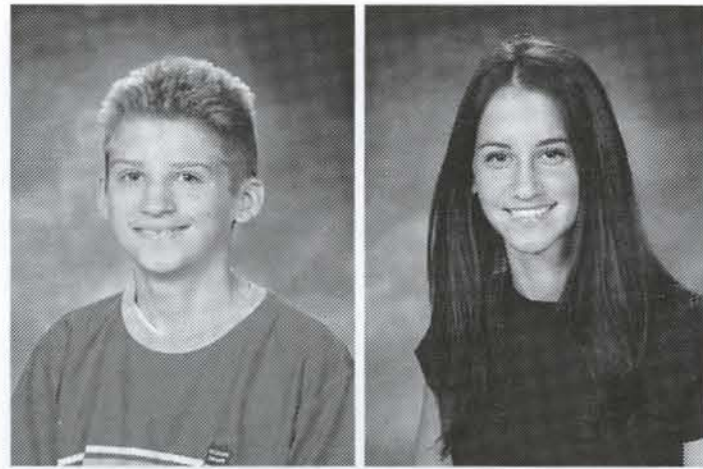
"Hopefully I can get a scholarship to a good bowling school such as UCLA. I'm hoping bowling will provide a scholarship, because it is a rare thing that colleges look for," Heckelman said.

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Nick Heckelman (right) takes a shot during a practice at Pheasant Lanes.
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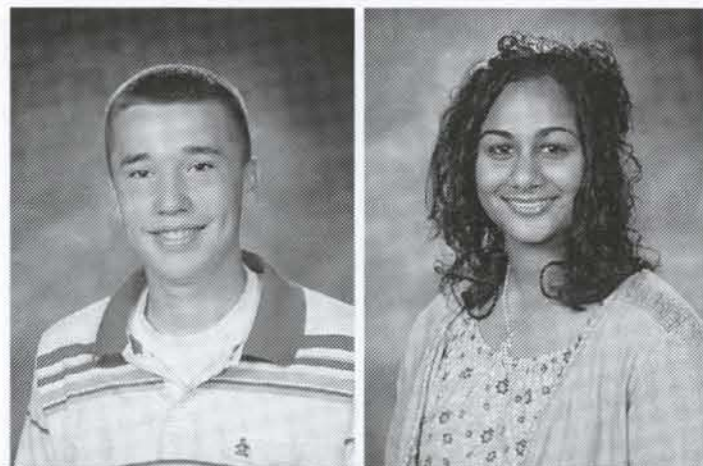
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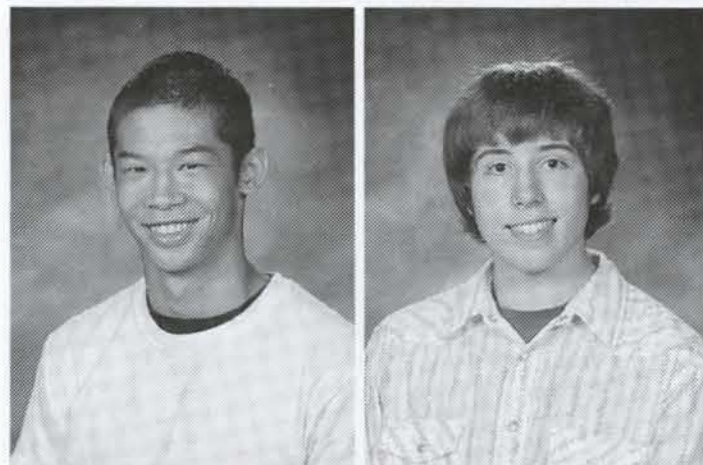
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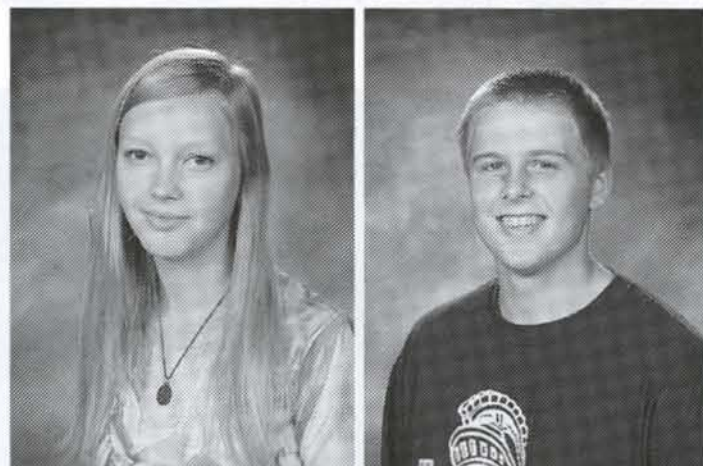
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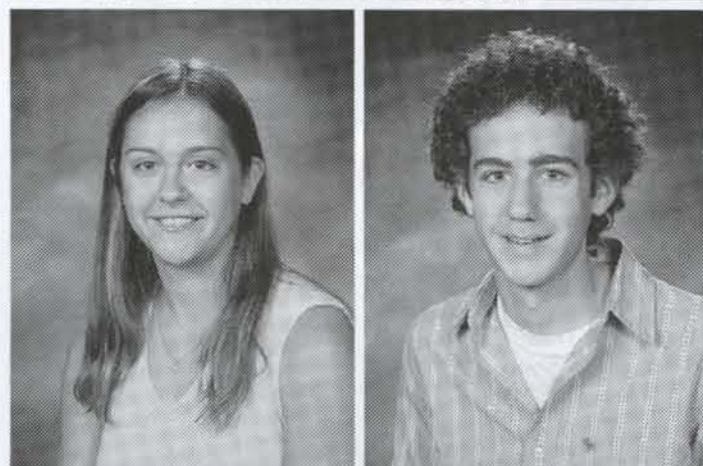
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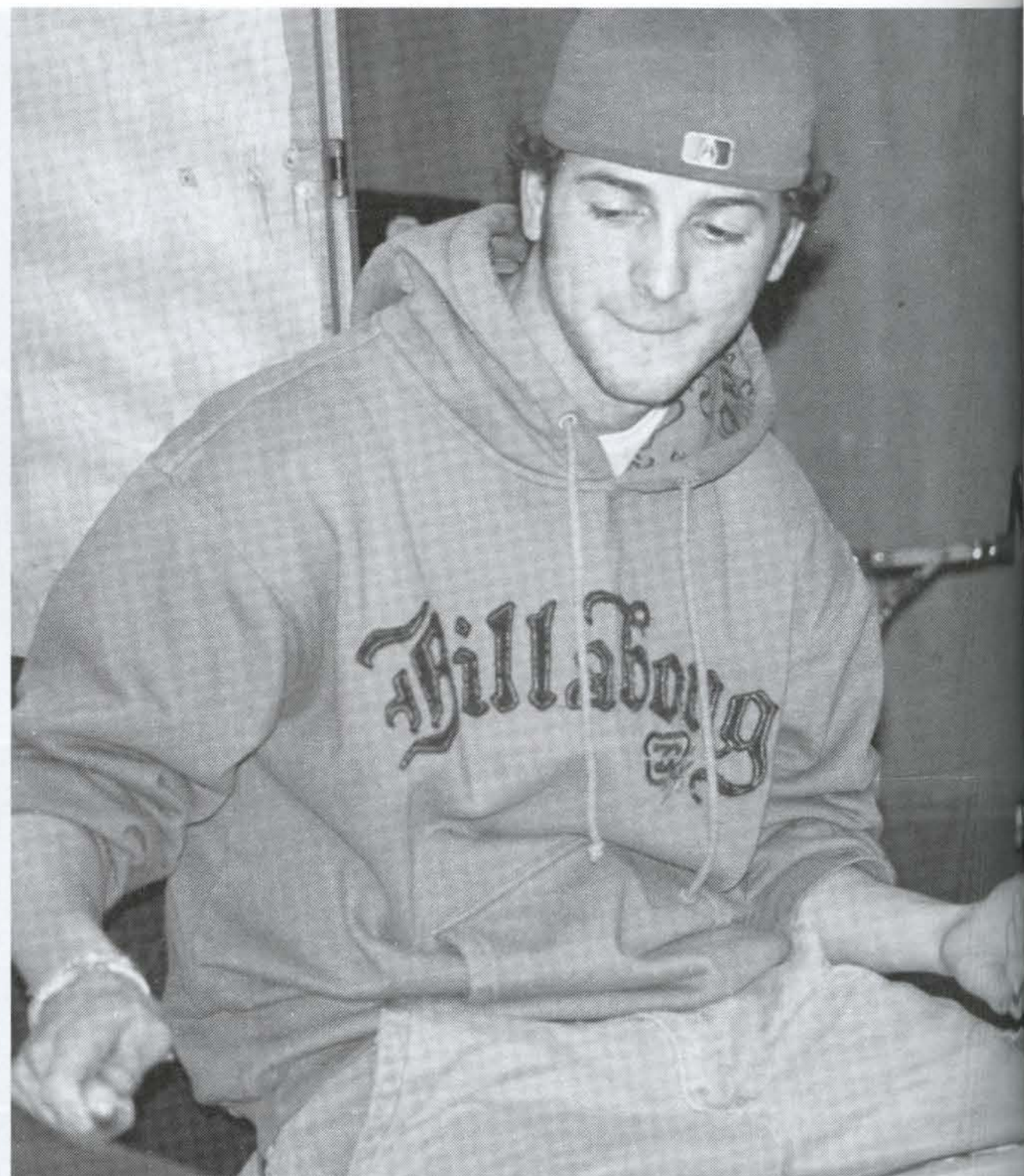
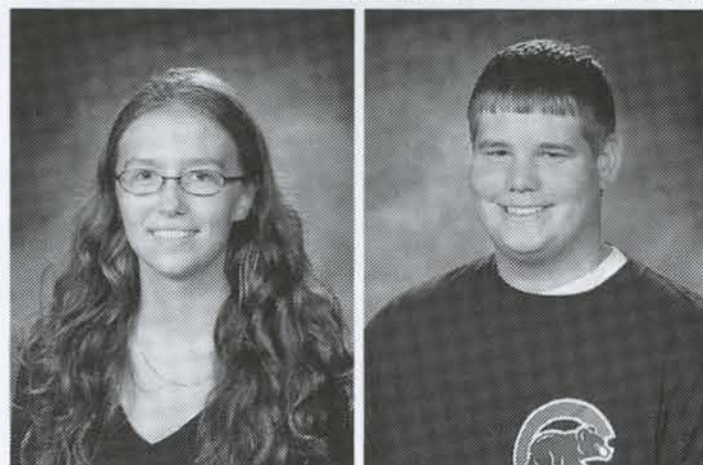
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Rock n' Roll

Chris Modos has the time of his life doing what he loves most

By Drew Daudelin

Chris Modos is part of a new generation of teenagers that are benefiting from a group of parents that are much more up to date than those of the 80s.

Instead of the stereotypical grungy band playing in the garage with their parents constantly yelling for them to stop being so loud, parents are starting to embrace bands more than ever, and more high-school bands are being formed because of this.

Modos, a junior at U-High, has been a member of two bands this year and is taking full advantage of these newer, cooler parents.

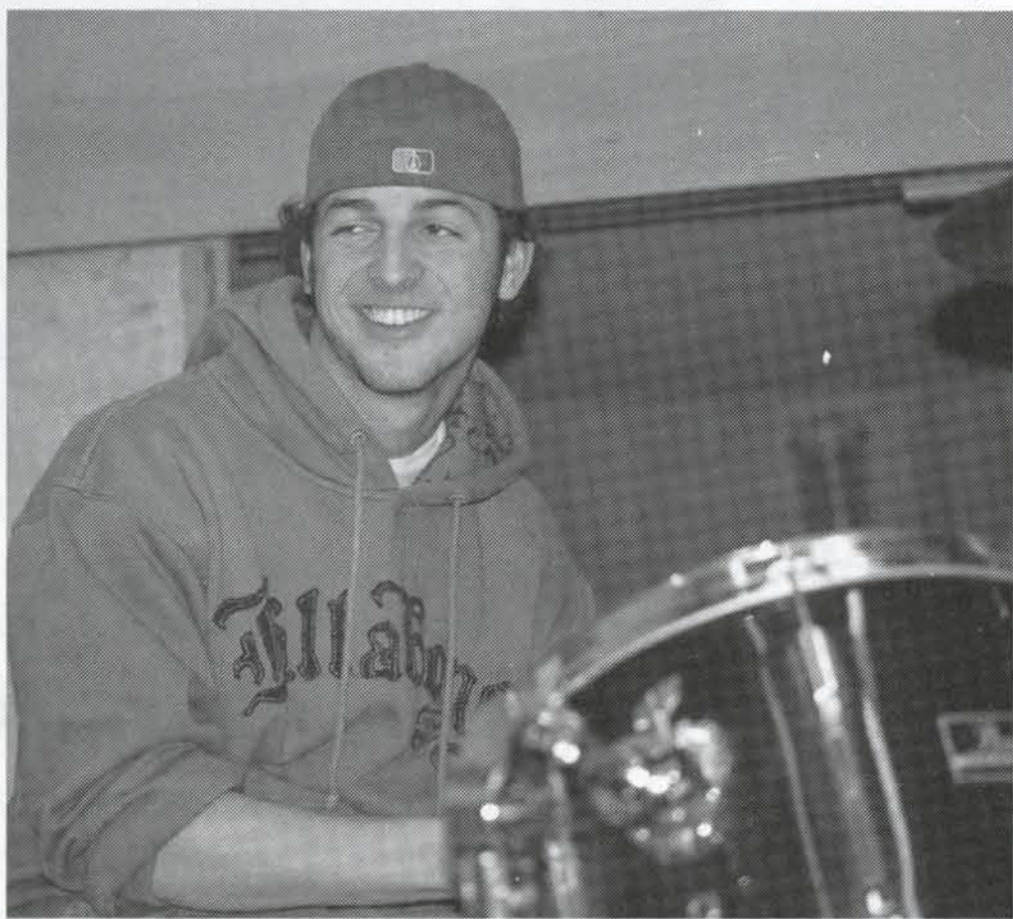
"My parents are really supportive about me being in a band because they love music too," Modos said.

At the beginning of summer before his junior year, Modos became the drummer of a band and has been in it ever since. The band is made up of Modos and three ISU students so it took some getting used to because he wasn't with his U-High friends.

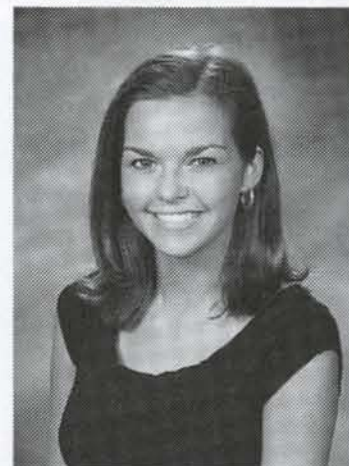
The band, as Modos explained it, plays a mixture of rock, punk rock, and experimental, and has played gigs at numerous venues around town since they got together. Some of the places that Modos remembered were at various backyard parties, the Bowling and Billiards Center, Battle of the Bands, The Great Rock Challenge, and Samuel Music.

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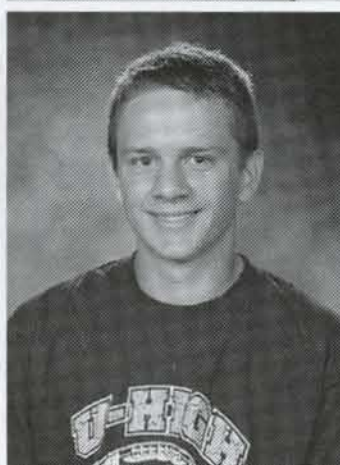
Chris Modos (left) plays on U-High's drum set during his free hour and (right) takes a break. Photograph by Mallory McCoy



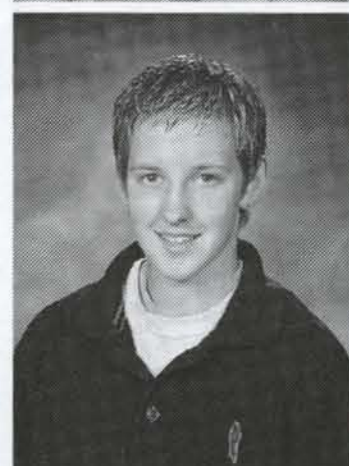
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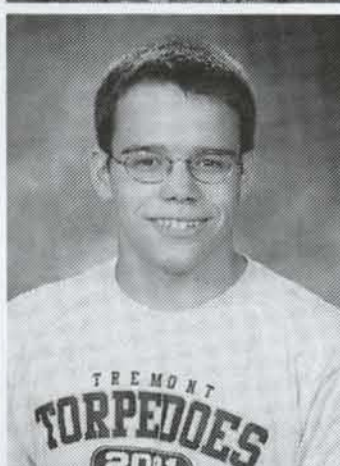
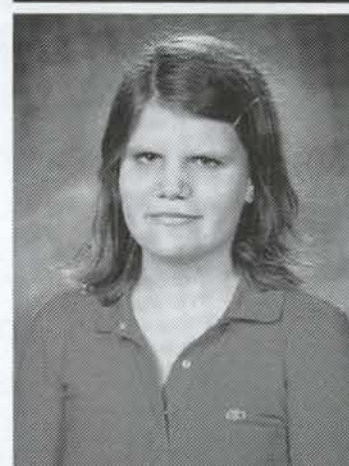
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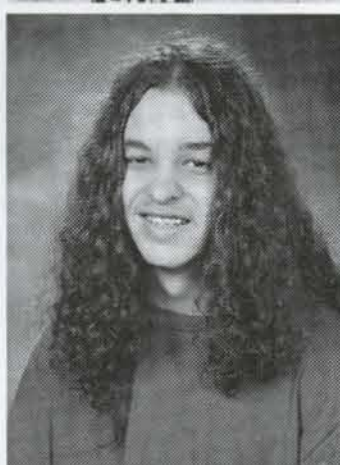
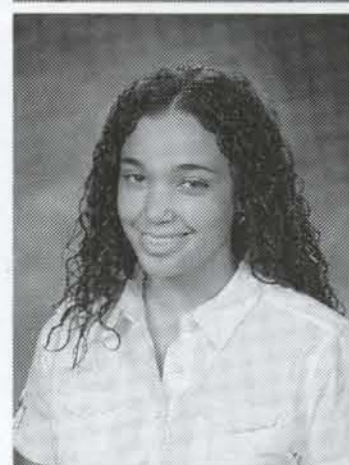
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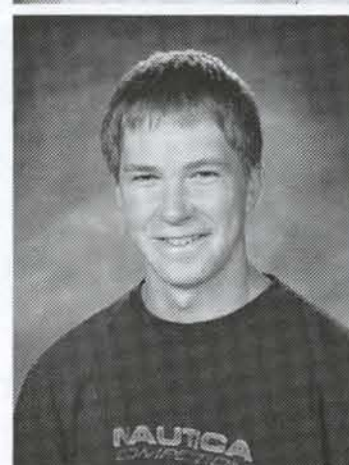
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That there are a lot of great aspects of being in a band.

"You get to meet a lot of cool and talented people, and it's just really fun to be able to rock in front of a huge crowd at all the different events," Modos said.

He admitted, though, that being in a band doesn't always go as smoothly as he wishes it did.

"We get in a lot of disagreements about all our songs, so some days we'll just fight for awhile and not get much done," Modos said.

At the beginning of his junior year Modos joined yet another band, one consisting of some of his friends from U-High.

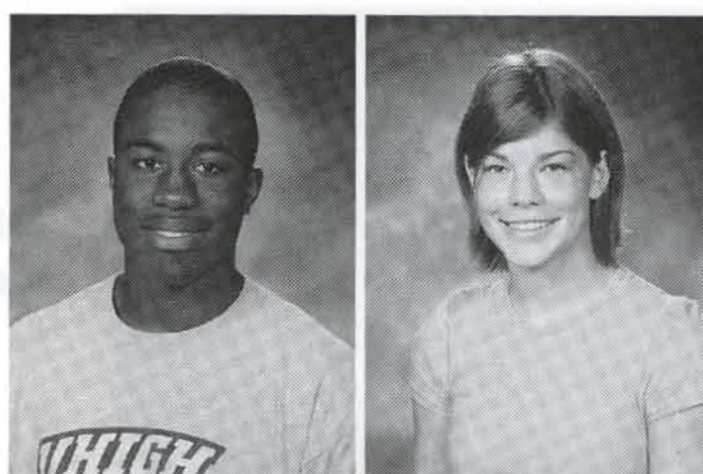
For this band Modos decided to set aside his drums to play guitar and sing so he could get as much variety between the two bands as possible. They haven't really gotten started yet but Modos already recognizes the benefits of being in more than one band.

"It's really fun but also really busy sometimes. It's good though because you don't have to limit yourself to one kind of sound. You get to play a little bit of everything," Modos said.

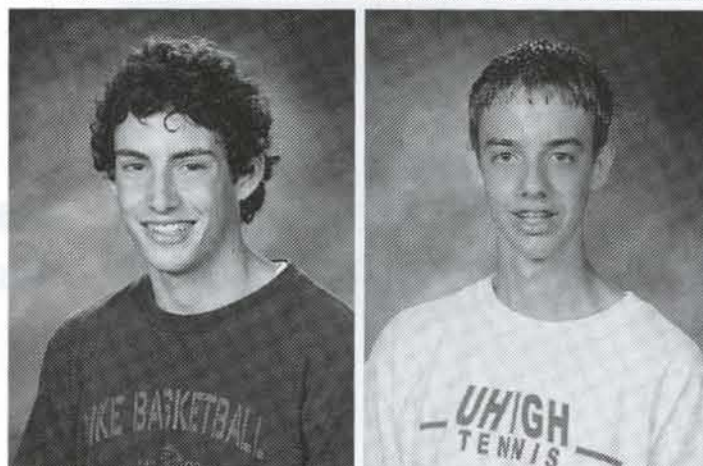
Both bands usually practice about twice a week in Modos' basement, where they can all gather to play new songs and try to find some gigs to play. For Modos and everyone else involved, being in a band creates memories that they will have forever, and an opportunity to become better friends.

"I've had some of the best times of my life practicing and playing gigs at different events, and I plan on doing it for a long time," Modos said.

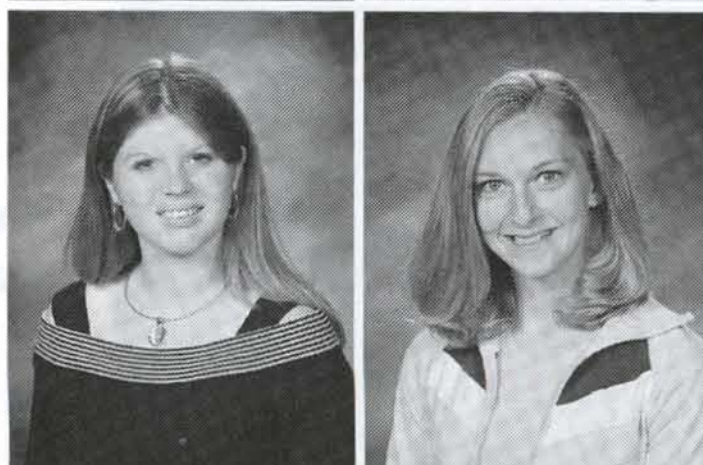
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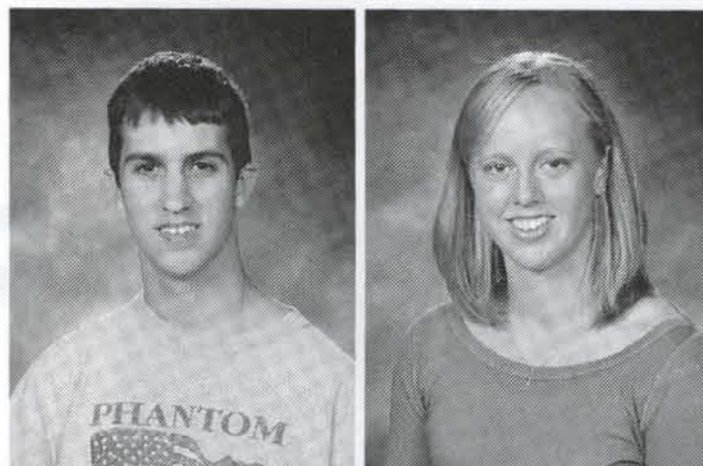
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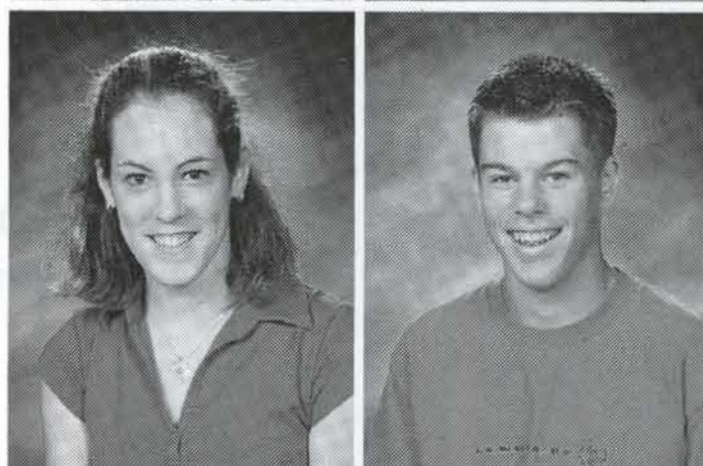
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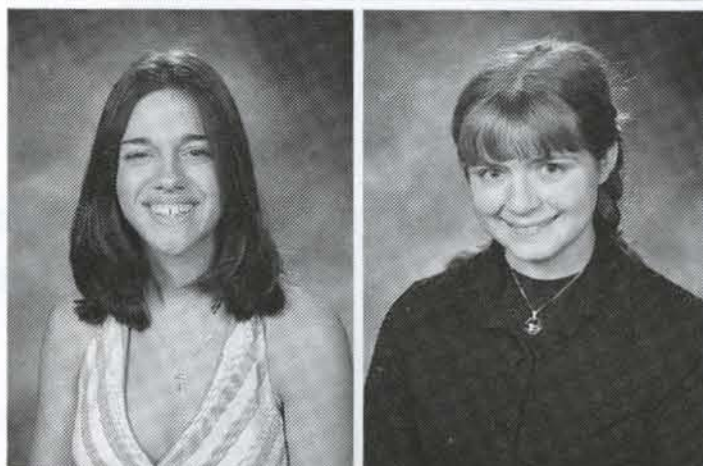
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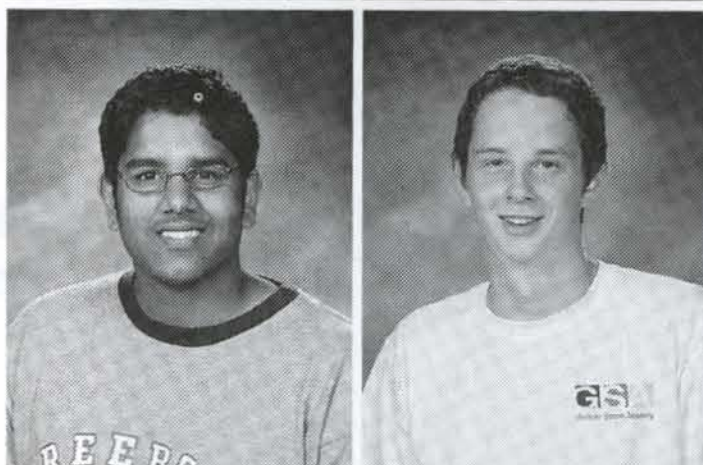
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Wild Adventures

Reading a book brought Jessica Glass a new passion

By Laura Bullinger

When fourth grader Jessica Glass read Jack London's, *Call of the Wild*, she did not know it would change her life. It sparked an interest in dogsledding that she is now fulfilling.

"I had my first sledding experience the winter of 2001. I learned the basic skills I needed to sled like sayings such as whoa, gee, haw, on by, and mush," Glass said.

Glass' father was advised to get her a job working in a kennel if she was serious about dogsledding. He was told to contact Jamie Nelson, a well-known musher.

Glass went to Togo, Minnesota to meet Nelson during the Memorial Day weekend. At first Nelson thought she was too young for this hard work. Nelson was going to say no, but over breakfast she changed her mind. They set a date for two weeks in the summer.

Glass' parents were not sure if her staying in Minnesota was such a good idea.

"We weren't really sure that she was ready for such a rough job at such a young age," Glass' mother, Barb, said.

Her father even brought home articles about how dogs were mistreated. No matter how many articles he brought



home, she could not be persuaded to change her mind. Her determination proved that she was ready for the job.

A typical day began at five in the morning. When she first started, she mainly just shadowed Nelson. Jessica would feed the dogs, give them water, and clean up after them.

After the dogs were fed, they were ready to run. She would connect the lead dogs' harnesses to a four-wheeler because there was no snow in the summer.

She would also put the six-month-old puppies next to the experienced dogs so they would learn by observation. She also socialized the puppies because they learned from interaction.

For the run, they would use Nelson's neighbor's forty-acre land. She would bring the dogs on the trails with beaver ponds so they could learn to swim. This was so that if they came across water in a race they would still follow command.

"I think it has given her more responsibility. She became much more self-reliant working in Minnesota and living in a cabin by herself. It has also given her an opportunity to explore her interest in a career with animals and see what it is like," Glass' father, Richard, said.

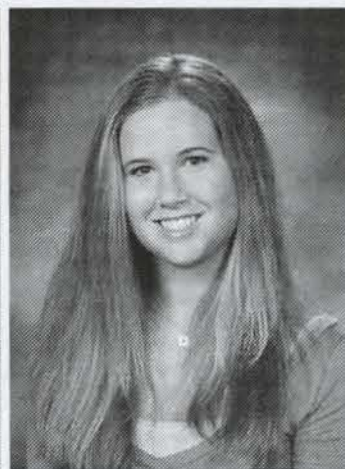
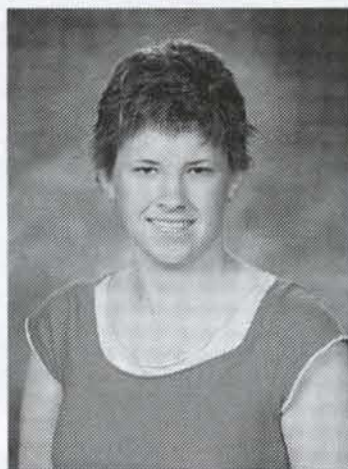
"It has given her a sense of identity because it is unique, and not what everyone else wants to do. It has also helped her think about what she wants to study in college," said her mother. We look forward to seeing Jessica fulfill a career as a professional dogsledder.



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Glass (above) gets the dogs geared up for a run. [12.21.01] Glass (below) gets coached as the dogs run on.



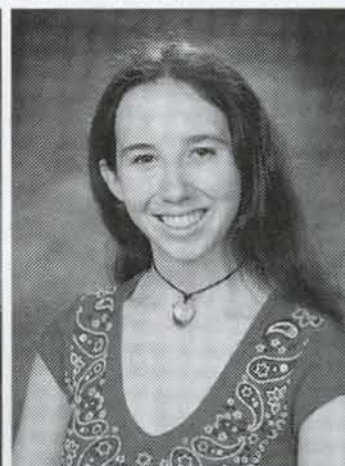
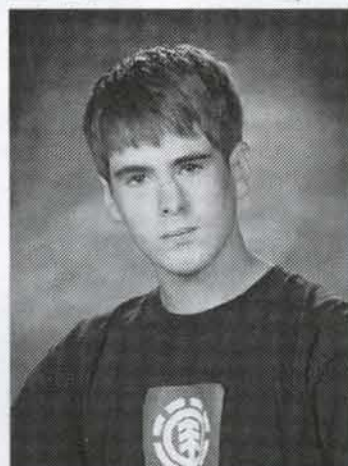
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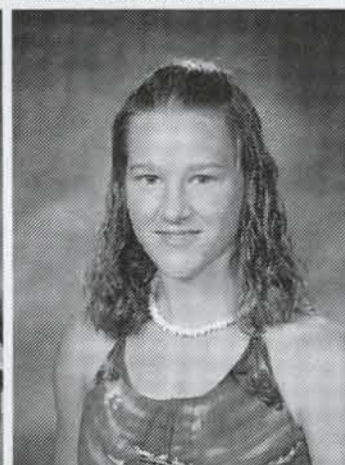
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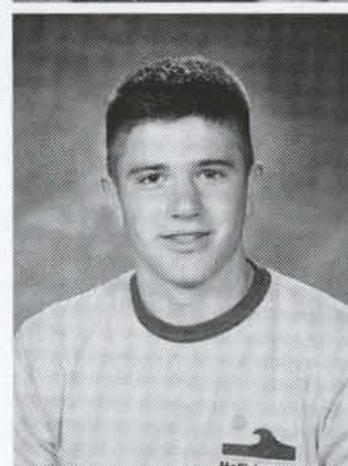
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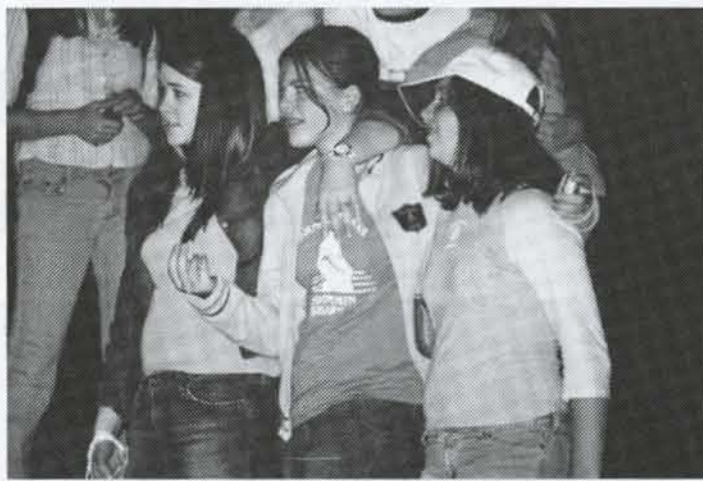


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Nicholas Zimmerman





Every Sophomore

Each year of high school at U-High can be easily described or categorized. Freshman year is the first year coming into high school and the meeting of new people. By junior year becoming an upperclassman is about as important as ACT scores. Senior year is the most memorable. It's the last year with friends and the last year before college. Many people overlook sophomore year as uneventful, but it is anything but that.

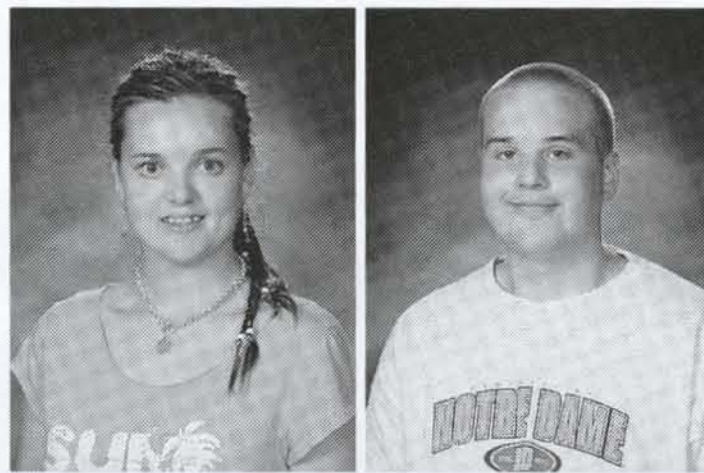
Sophomore year is a transition year. Students come back for their second year of high school with easier schedules, more independence, and familiarity with the school.

Freshman year it is difficult to become close with anyone because you've just met but sophomore year students know each other, and themselves, better. The friends made during sophomore year are most likely the ones kept throughout high school.

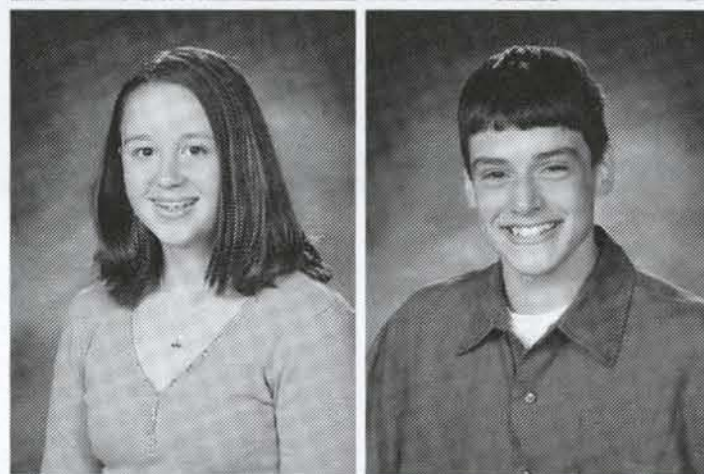
The most exciting event to happen during the transitional sophomore year is being able to drive. Getting a driver's license adds to the independence gained during the second year at U-High. While not every sophomore will have the privilege to drive during sophomore year, the majority of them will.

The change from freshman year to sophomore is one of the more drastic class changes during high school. The transition from "a face in the crowd" to "a unique individual," students are becoming their own person and more independent. The people evolving from the class of 2007 will only continue to grow with their remaining years at U-High. [By Catherine Anhalt. Photographs by Sarah Charles, Allie Jocson, Mallory McCoy and Katie Payne.]

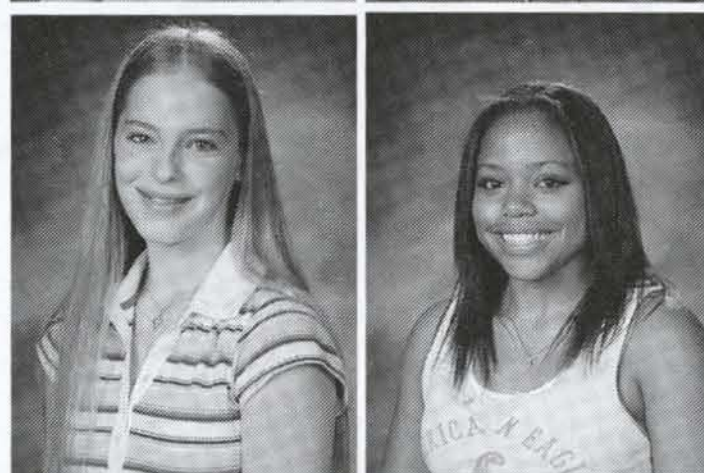
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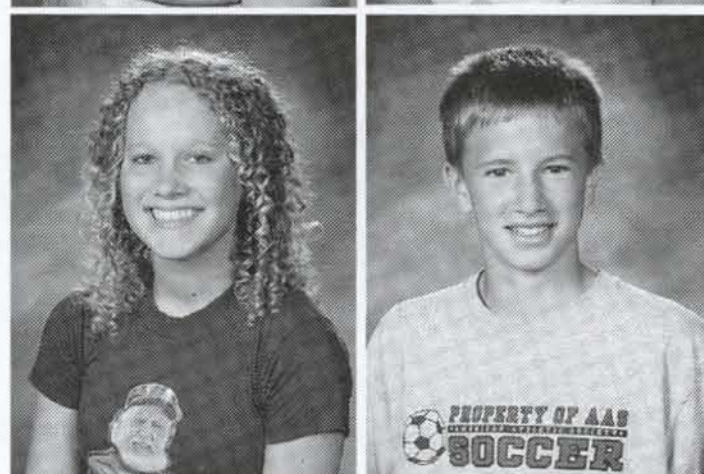
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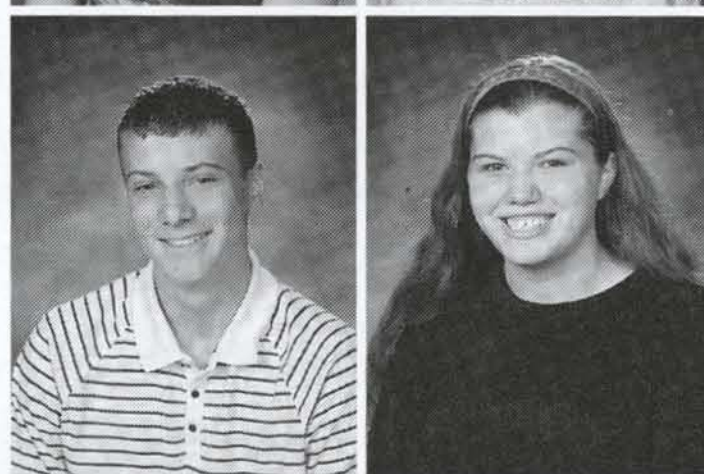
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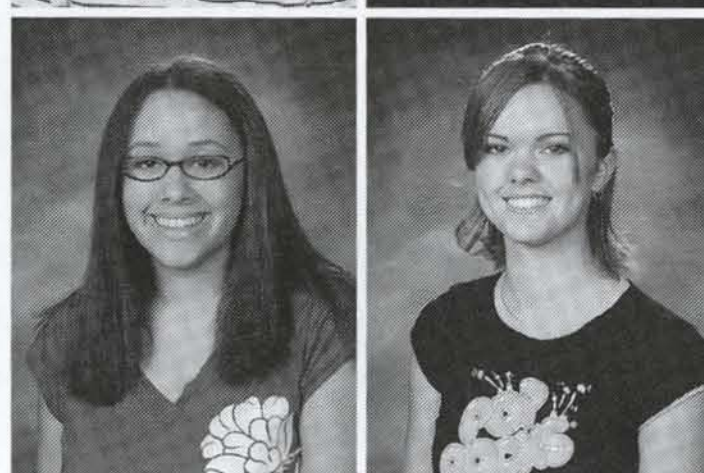
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Setting the Pace

Even though her heart cannot beat on its own, Ana Jacob doesn't feel any different

By Alyssa Potter

When sophomore Ana Jacob was three months old, she had heart surgery to repair holes in her heart. When the doctors repaired the holes, they destroyed an important factor that allows the heart to beat on its own.

"I'm not sure what they destroyed... [but] because it was destroyed, my heart can't beat on its own and that's why I have a pacemaker," Jacob said.

A pacemaker is a device that helps a heart beat when it is incapable of beating on its own. It uses batteries to send electrical impulses to the heart to help it pump properly. An electrode is placed next to the heart wall and small electrical charges travel through the wire to the heart.

"There are a couple of different kinds of pacemakers. The one I have, I rely fully on because my heart cannot beat by itself. Another kind is just there in case your heart skips a beat; [the pacemaker] will get the beating back on track," Jacob said.

Every six months Jacob has to go to the doctor to have her pacemaker checked. Having a pacemaker doesn't require any medication.

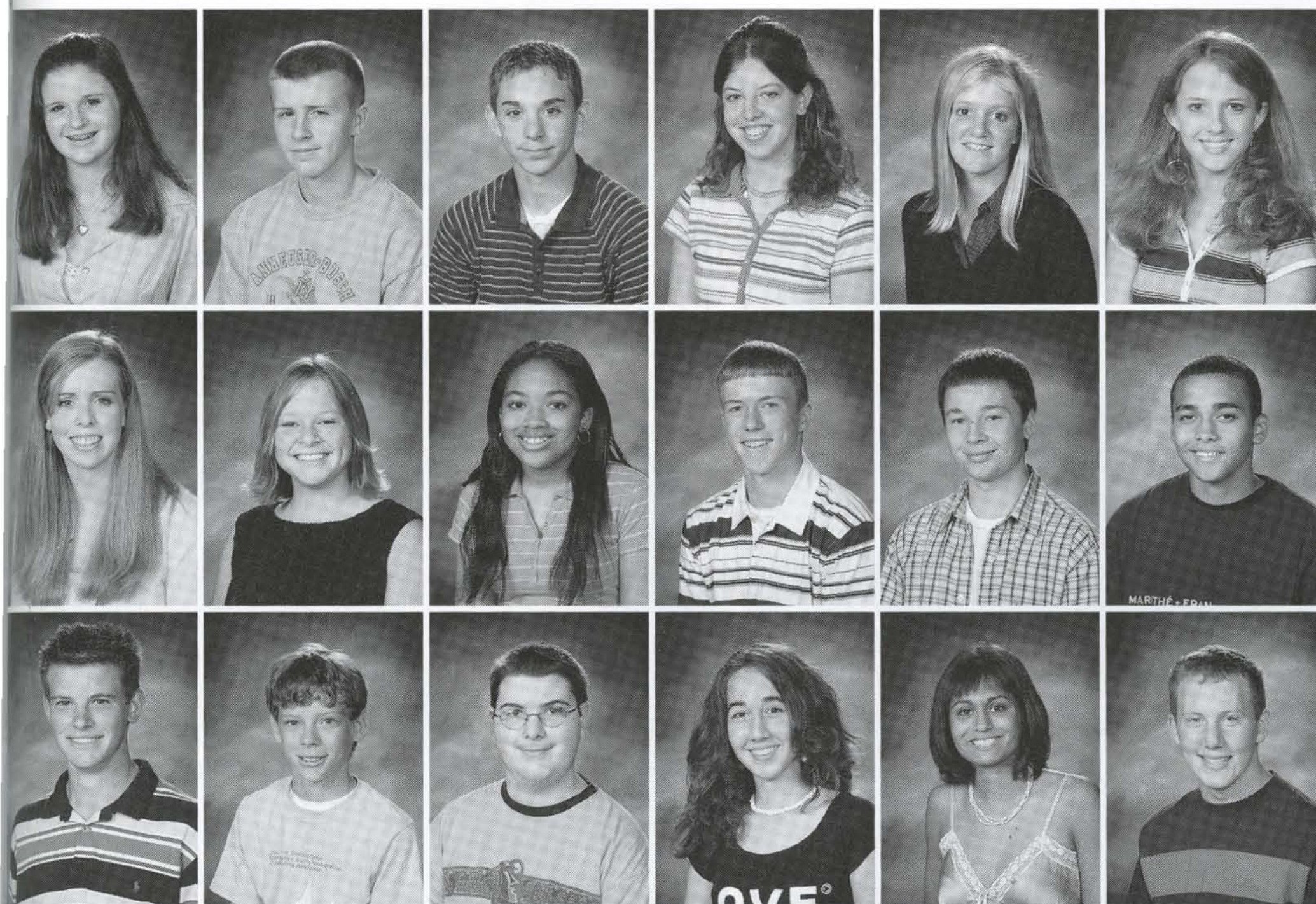
"I don't think people with pacemakers need medicine except for after a surgery because your immune system isn't as strong and you can get diseases more easily."

Other than some aspects, Jacob's life isn't that different than anyone else's. She does, however, have a few restrictions on what she can and cannot do.

"I can't run as much as other people. I can't play as many sports. I can't go through metal detectors at airports or magnetic fields or do anything that would damage my heart or pacemaker."

Even though she has this condition, Jacob doesn't feel her life is much different than those of other people.

"I don't really think about it that much so it doesn't really affect my everyday life. When I'm just in school I don't notice that I have one and I don't feel like I'm different at all," Jacob said.



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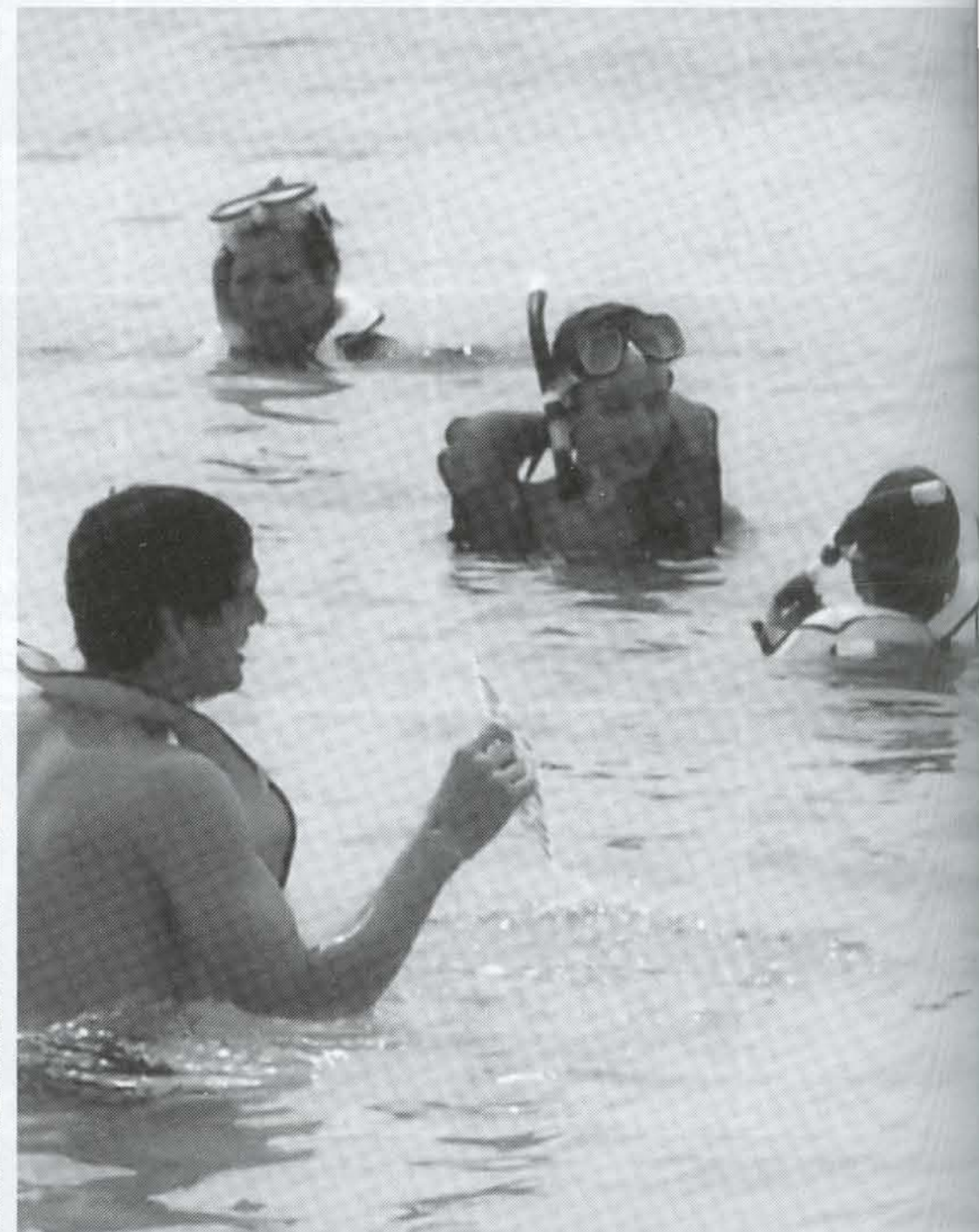


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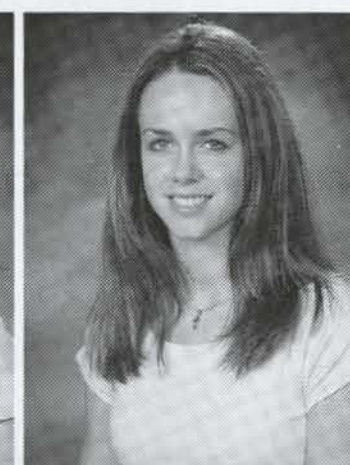
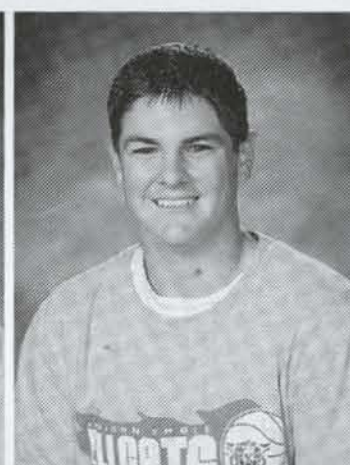
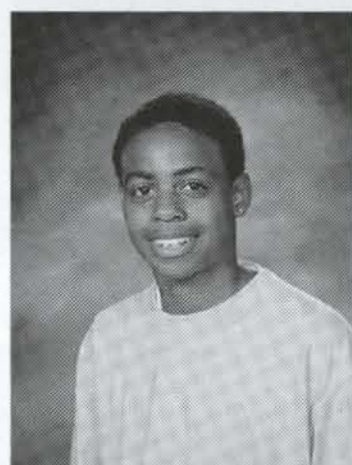
Sophomore Ana Jacob (left) places her hand on her heart during the Pledge of Allegiance. Jacob has had a pacemaker assisting her heart since she was three months old. Photograph by Allie Jocson.

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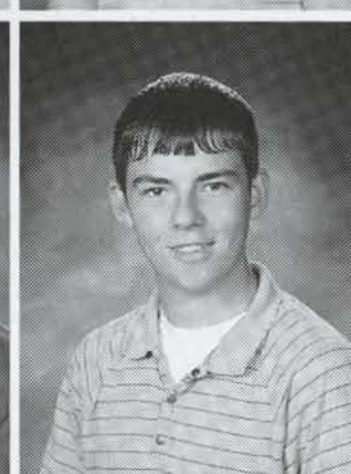
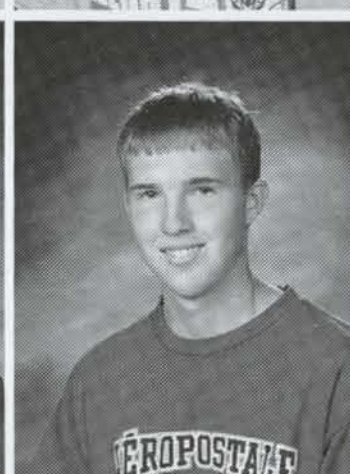
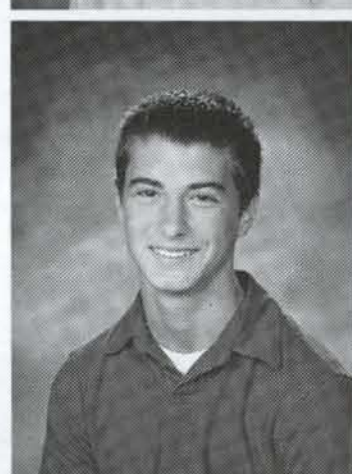
The boat (below left) Harbers and her family took to go snorkeling. Photograph by Liz Harbers. [3.11.04] A group of snorkelers (below right) enjoy the dive before they realize the event. Photograph by Liz Harbers.



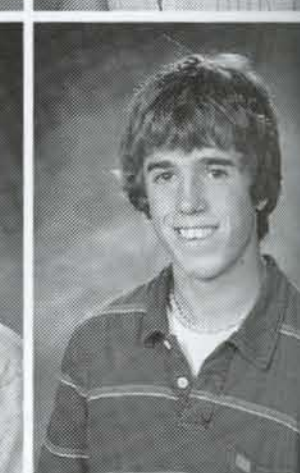
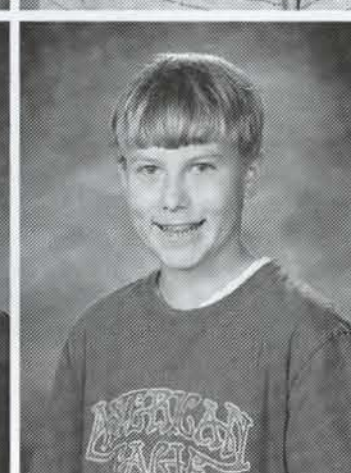
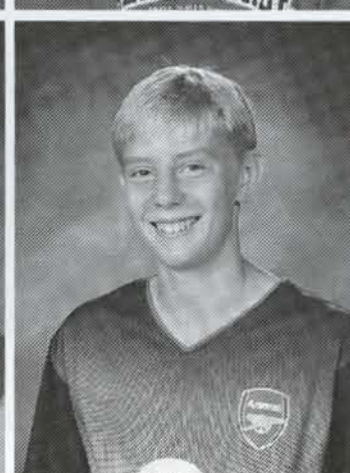
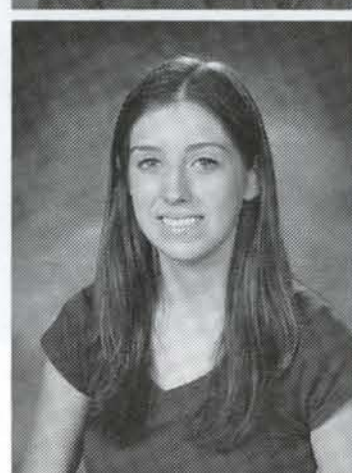
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Lost at Sea

While on a family vacation, Elizabeth Harbers experienced the unexpected

By Catherine Anhalt

When sophomore Elizabeth Harbers went on a cruise with her family last summer, she expected to feel warm breezes, eat good food, and relax in great company. But along the way, she experienced the pain and fear that comes with seeing death firsthand.

One day, Harber's family decided to take advantage of the surrounding sites. "My family chose to go on a speed boat to all of the really cool snorkeling places. An old lady thought she signed up for a Caterman, which is a really slow, lazy boat ride, but was on our boat instead," Harbers said, "So while the boat was going really fast and bouncing around, she got really pale and looked sick."

When the boat stopped, Elizabeth and her dad went into the water to snorkel. They swam around for little while, but then realized that everyone was worried about something, so they swam back to the boat.

"When we got back on the boat, I saw the lady lying on the deck. My brother was standing next to her and he looked very scared," Harbers said.

Because of the wide variety of people on a cruise, there were a number of doctors and nurses that came to the boat when the incident happened. The doctors sent all of the people on Harbers' boat onto another boat and took the woman to a hospital.

"When the doctors came back they told us that she didn't make it. We kept going on with our tour, but everybody felt weird about the whole thing," Harbers said.

The event had a lasting impact on her.

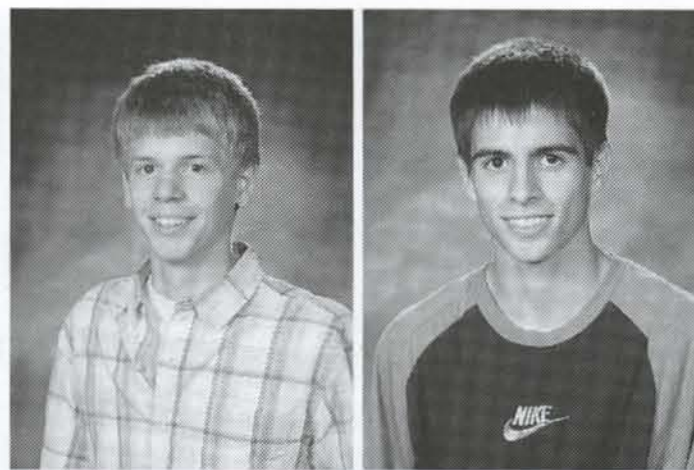
"I was kind of numb throughout the whole thing. It made me, feel really helpless. I don't have nightmares about it or anything, but it gives me a really scared, weird feeling when I think about it," Harbers said.

Being on this cruise and experiencing this event has also taught Harbers a few things and has made her realize what's important.

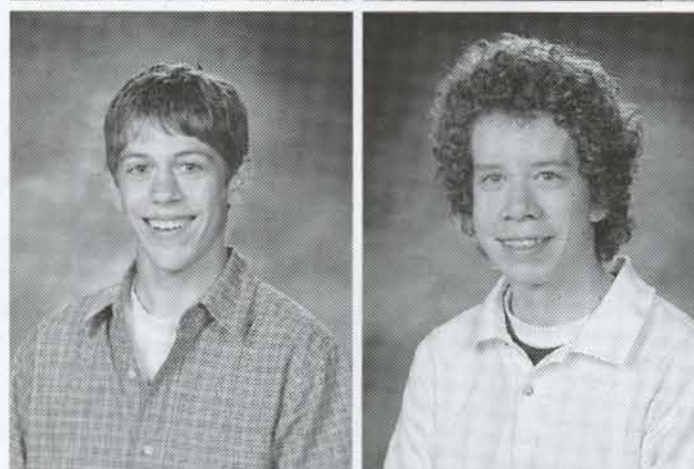
"Don't take stuff for granted and care more about everyone you meet. Really pay attention and care about everyone. Don't just rush people aside like they aren't important," Harbers said.

Although this happened last summer, it is an incident that will stay with Harbers for the rest of her life.

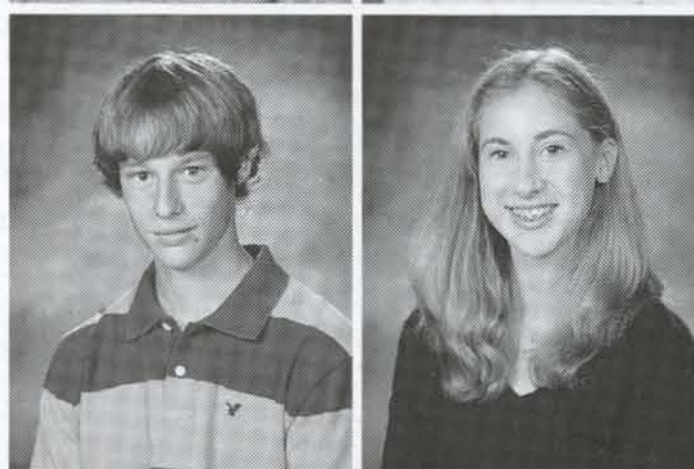
"I still think about it whenever someone mentions anybody getting sick or dying. It isn't something you forget," Harbers said.



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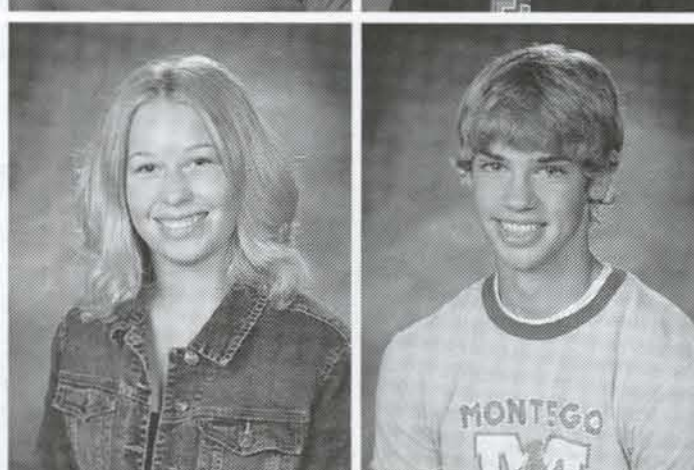
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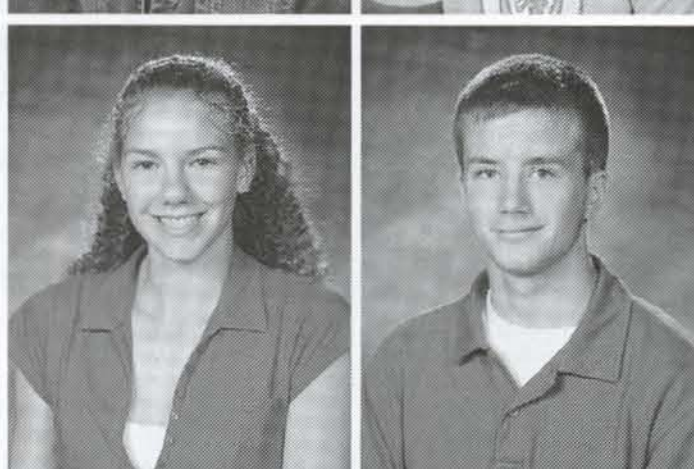
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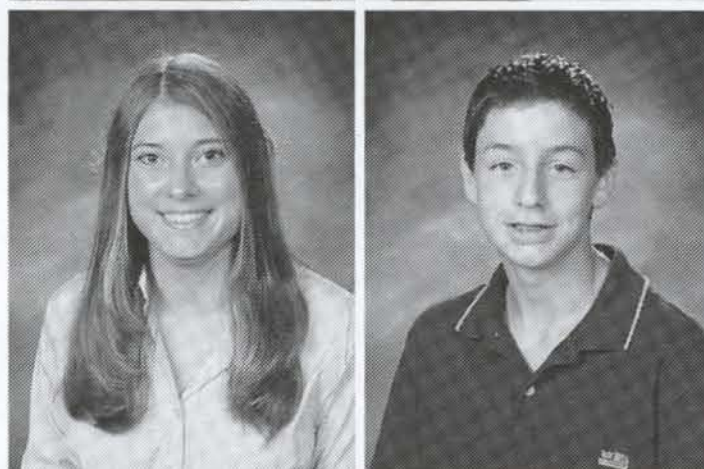


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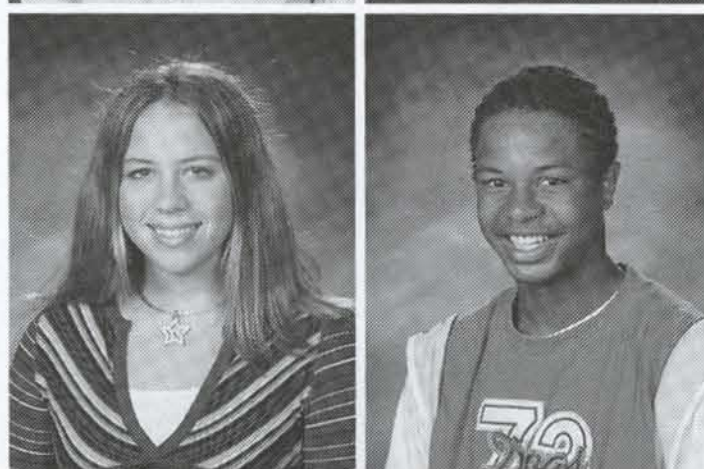
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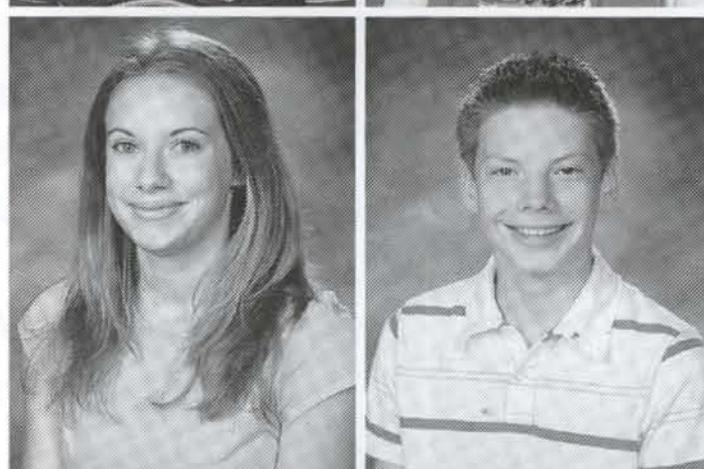
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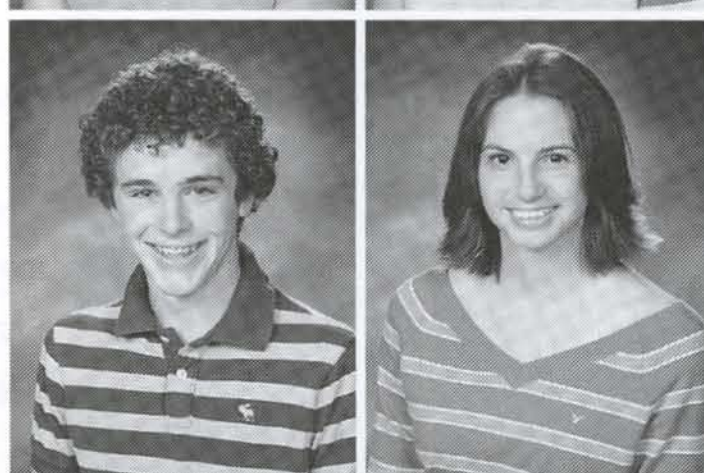
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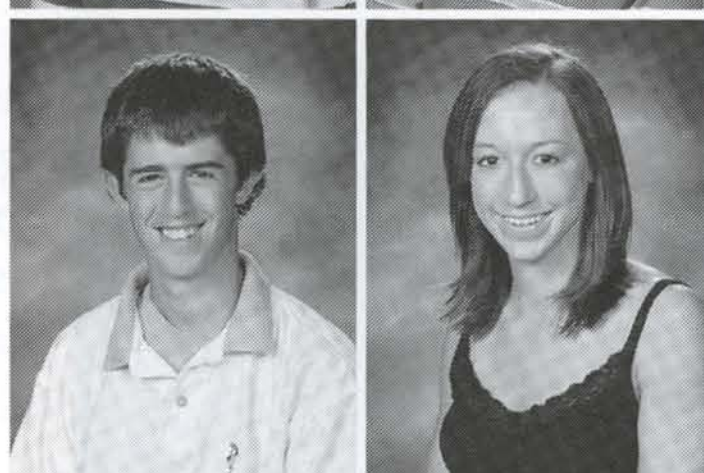
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Team Player

Standout athlete Aaron Schroeder makes every game worth watching

By Catherine Anhalt

A 6'3", 175 pound sophomore isn't very common. But then again, Aaron Schroeder isn't very common. At only 16, he is a varsity basketball star. Numerous times the U-High student fan section has chanted "Schroeder, Schroeder..." after he makes a great play.

"It's really cool when the fans do that. The students have been awesome. It gets me even more excited about the game. It also gives me confidence in myself," Schroeder said.

"Schroeder has helped fill a need of post players and he has played with a lot of confidence for only being a sophomore," senior teammate Jordan Busse said.

Being a starter on varsity as a sophomore isn't really a surprise for Schroeder. He has been playing basketball since preschool. Last year he helped his team to have an undefeated season at 20-0.

"That is probably the highlight of my basketball career. It made me feel so proud. We had tons of talented players and we all made plays for each other and contributed to the record," Schroeder said.

Being a sophomore on the varsity squad has been a great experience for Schroeder. With the opportunity to play at a higher level, he has learned a lot and has had fun doing it.

Schroeder couldn't experience this without support. His biggest fan, other than U-High students, is his family. And with his role model being Michael Jordan, Schroeder is a well rounded basketball player.

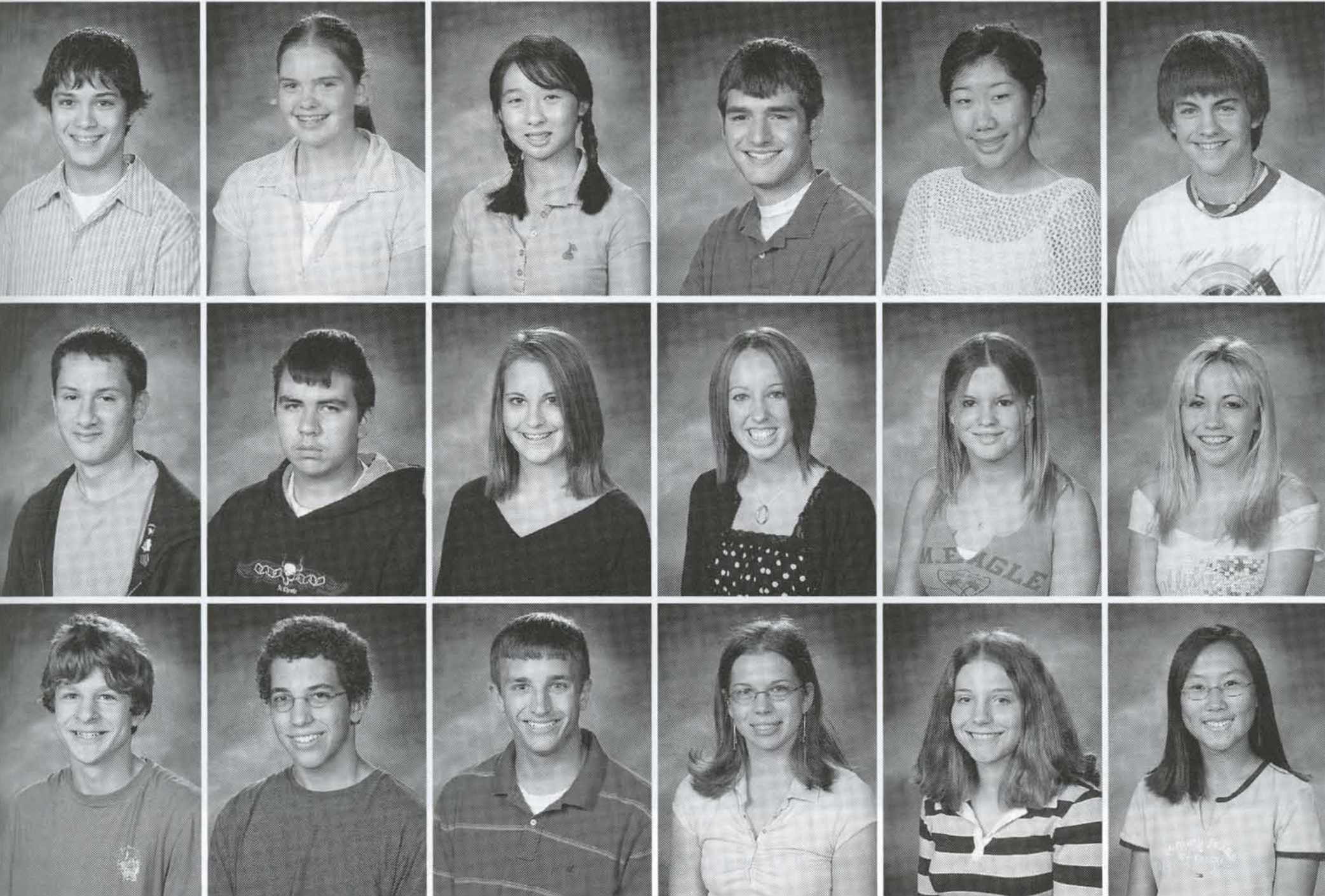
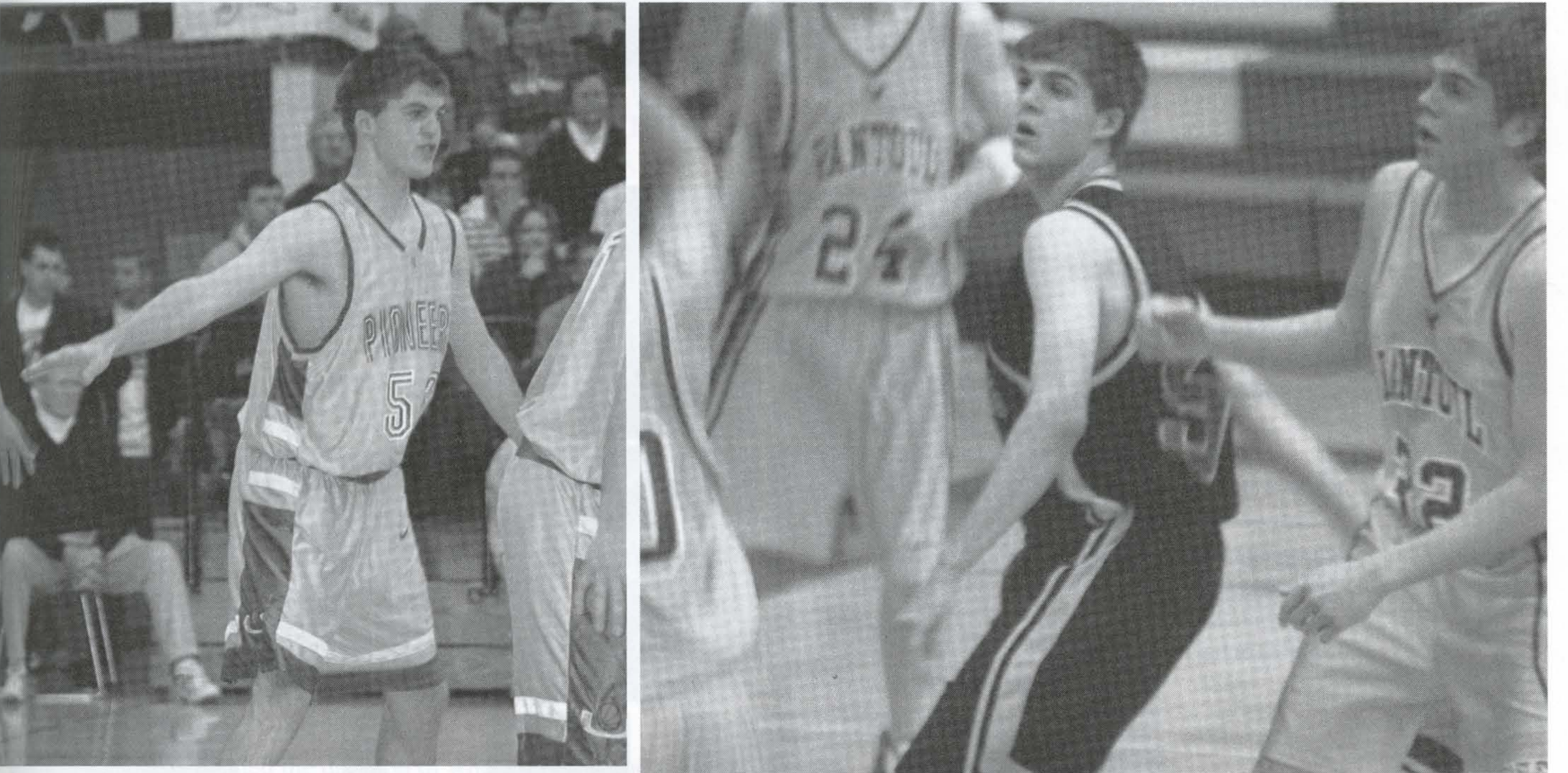
To keep up this superstar image, Schroeder has his own traditions and rituals. Before every game, he has to be focused and ready to play. He also has to make his last shot during warm ups before every game.

In the future, Schroeder hopes to keep basketball as a part of his life. After high school, he wants to play at Iowa, Illinois, or another talented Division I school.

Improving his basketball skills and staying focused will keep him the great basketball player he is and the one he will become.

"To be a great ballplayer, you have to have great dedication, good attitude, be a team player, and have determination," Schroeder said.

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 Starting varsity as a sophomore has been a great experience for Aaron Schroeder (left). Photograph by Allie Jocson. [1.14.05] Sophomore Aaron Schroeder (below) boxes out an opponent while playing defense. Photograph by Catherine Anhalt.



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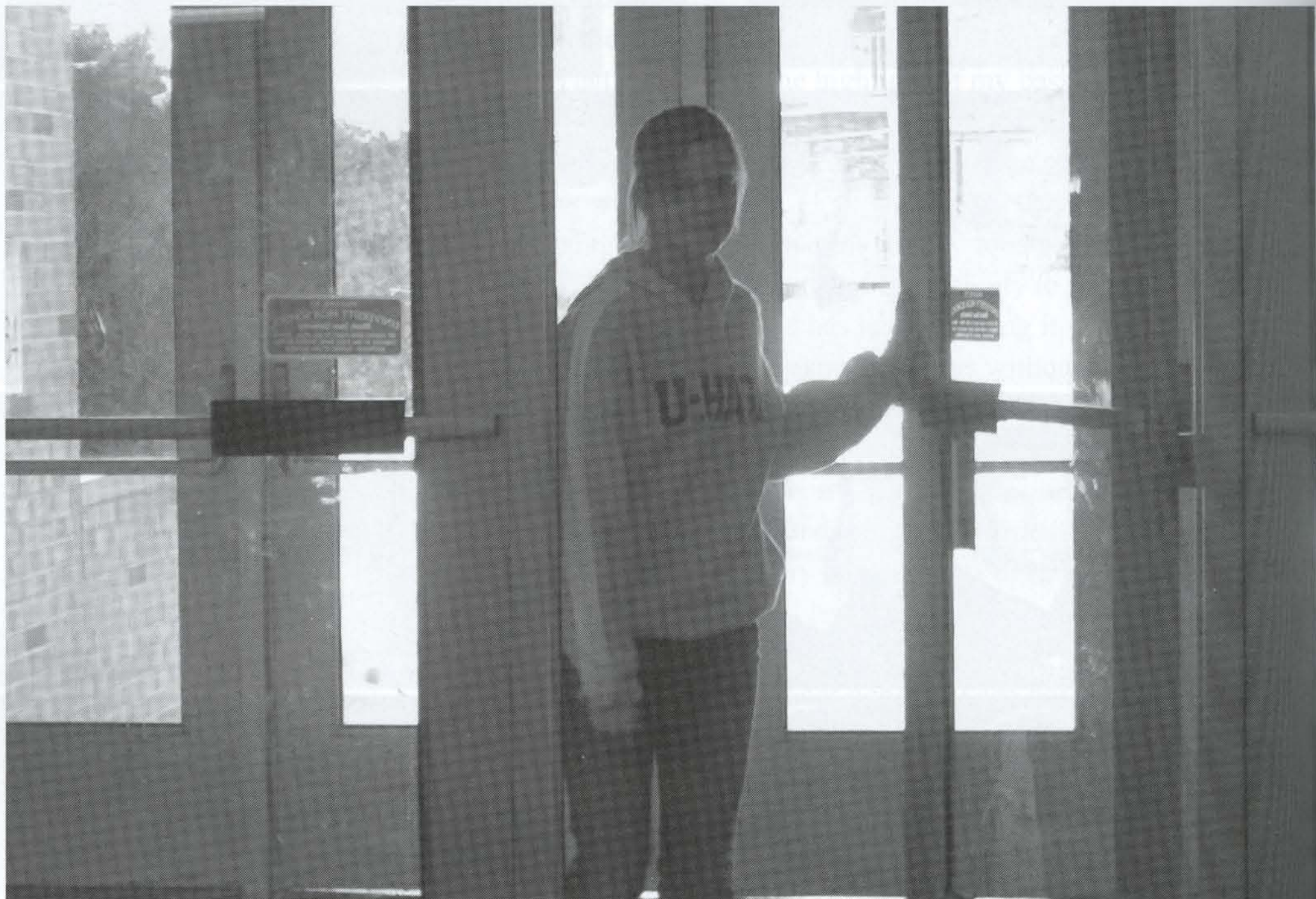
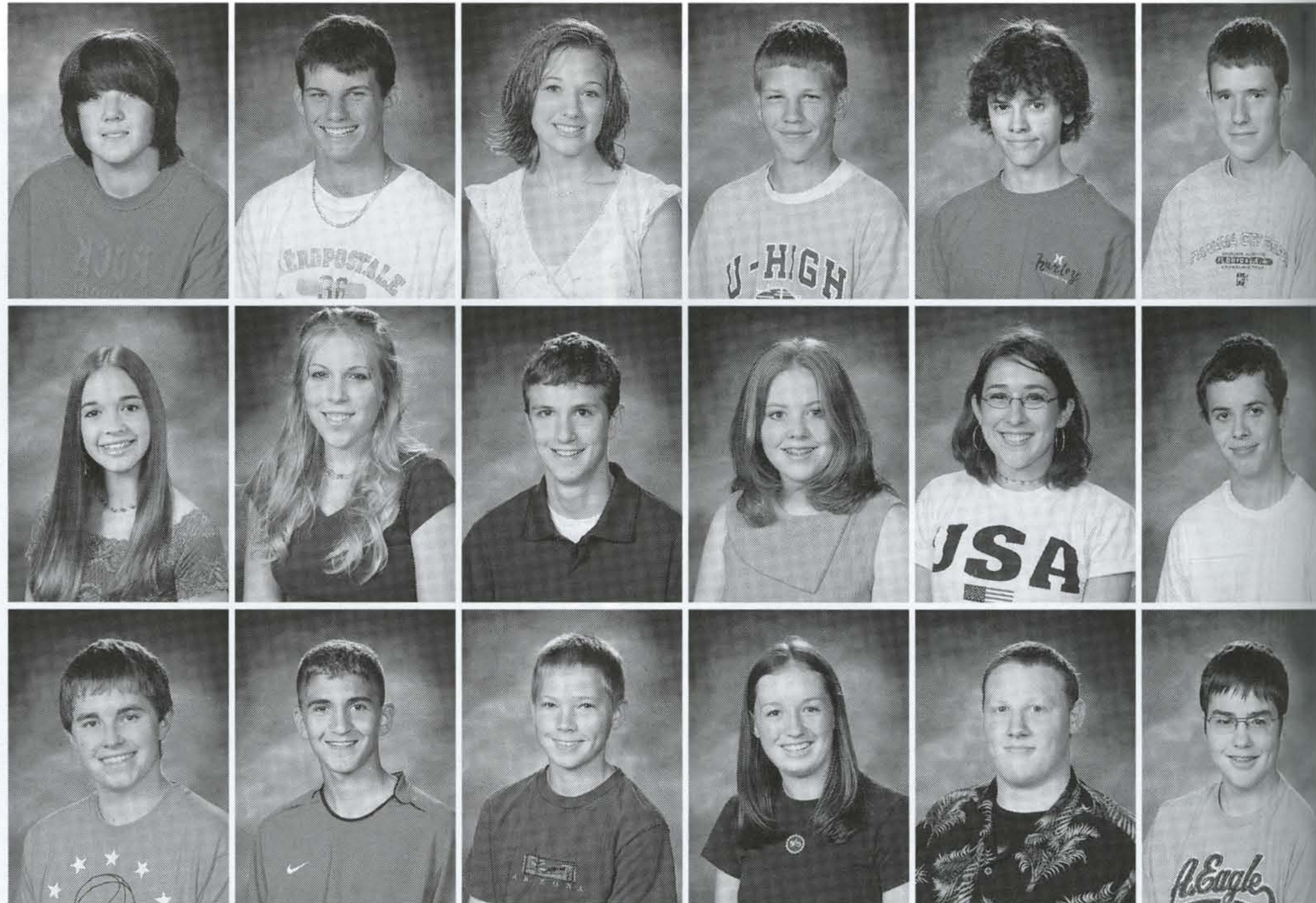
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Bridget McGuire (above) walks through the doors of U-High. McGuire, who came to U-High as a transfer student, loves the freedom she has here. Photograph by Allie Jocson.

A Way of Life

Left Behind

Leaving Central Catholic was difficult for Bridget McGuire, but she wouldn't have it any other way

By Melissa Shanahan

When the incoming freshman walked through the doors of U-High, the overwhelming feeling of nervousness crept in also. Bridget McGuire felt this way as well, except she was a sophomore.

McGuire transferred to U-High this year from Central Catholic. She went to school at Epiphany, so like most of the kids in her school she too started her freshmen year at Central.

"I didn't have a very good experience at Central and I didn't like most of the people," McGuire said.

She started searching for other high schools and found herself looking at Normal Community and U-High.

"The better academics at U-High were a part of why I wanted to transfer from Central," McGuire said.

McGuire awaited the decision of whether or not she would be accepted. Normal Community was going to be her second choice if she didn't get into U-High, but the day finally came where she had been accepted.

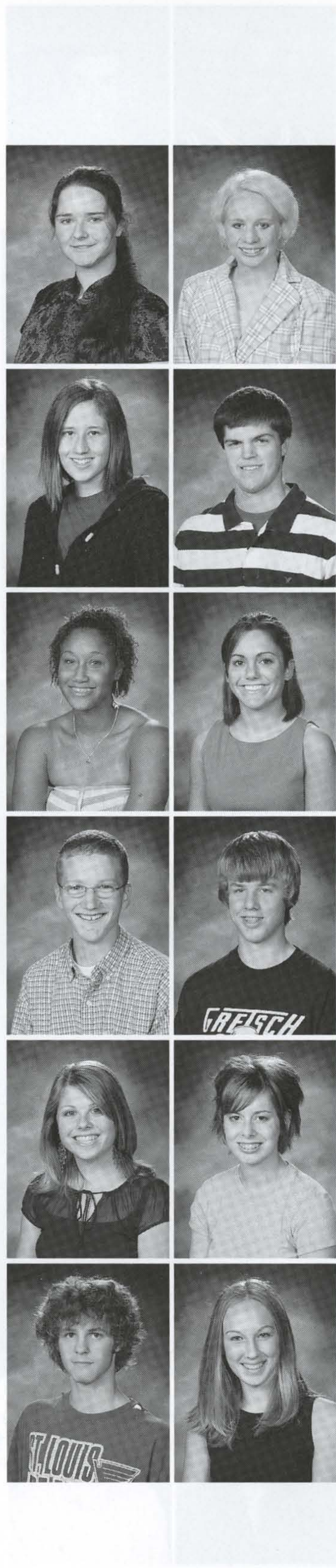
In August of 2004, McGuire walked through the doors of U-High as a new student only knowing a few people.

"I was nervous and scared that I wouldn't be able to find my classes," McGuire said. However, McGuire seems to have adjusted well and has made many new friends. She is still keeping in touch with some of those she left at Central.

"I don't think there is anything I really don't like about U-High," McGuire said. She is enjoying her new freedoms such as having a free hour, no uniforms, and planning her own schedule. At Central Catholic, she had none of these liberties.

"I think my favorite thing about U-High would have to be the freedom, but I also really like the classes and people here," McGuire said.

McGuire isn't feeling nervous or scared anymore. Now, she walks the halls of U-High as if she has been attending the school her whole life. She realizes what she had been missing and isn't taking it for granted.



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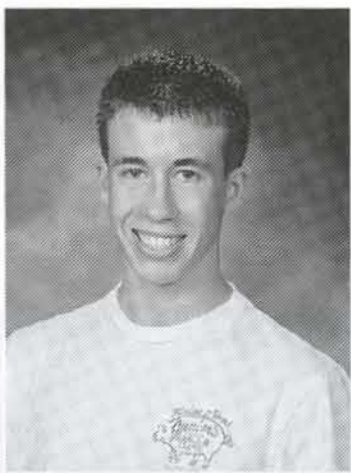
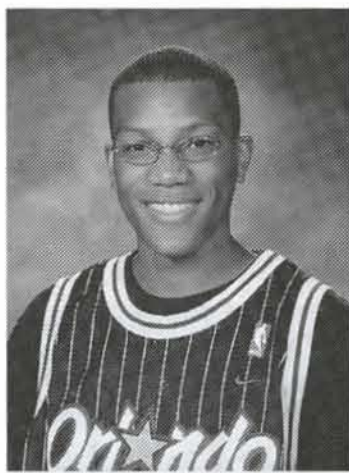
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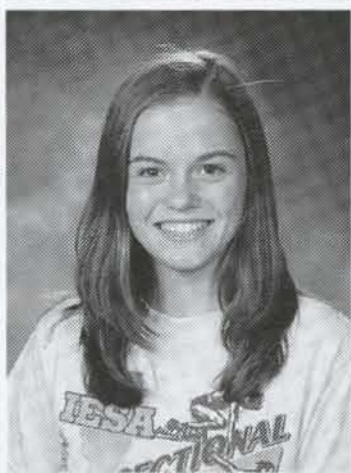
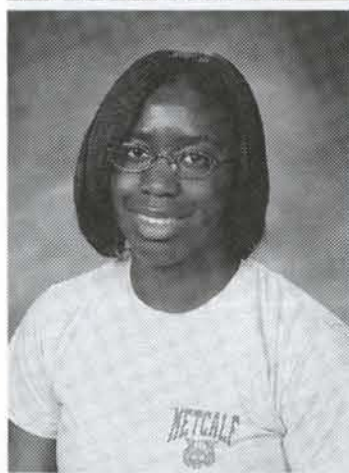
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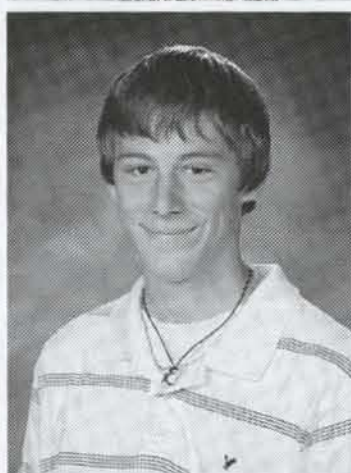
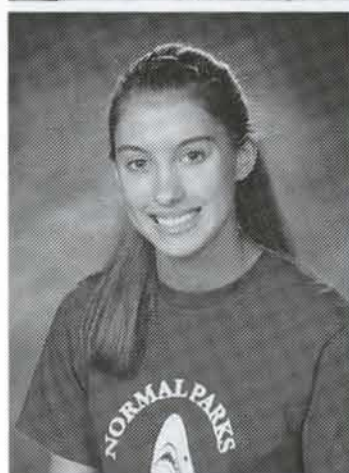
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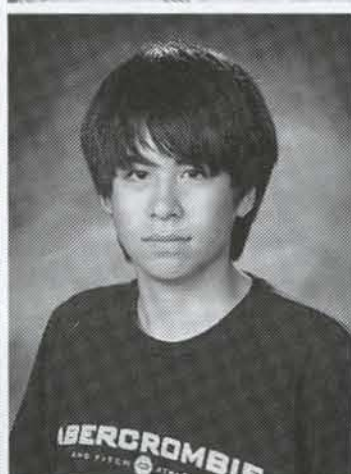
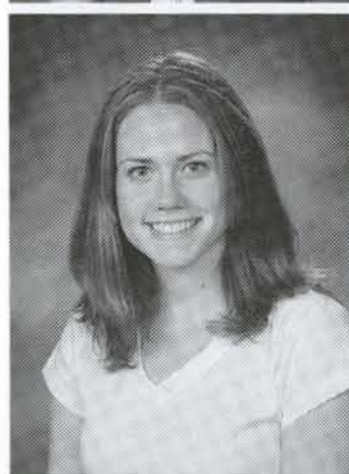
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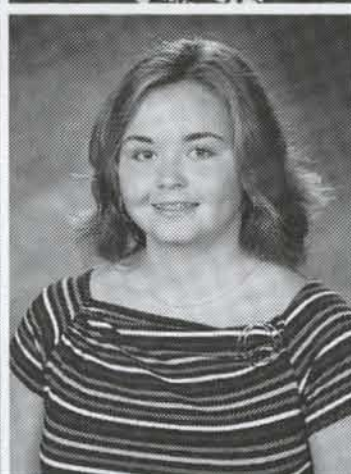
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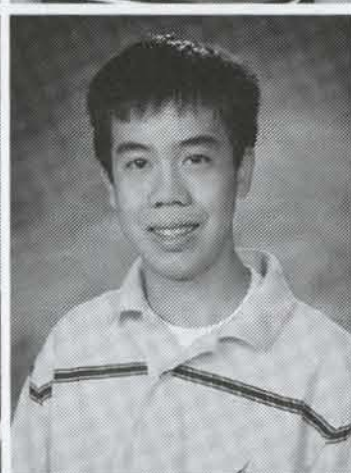
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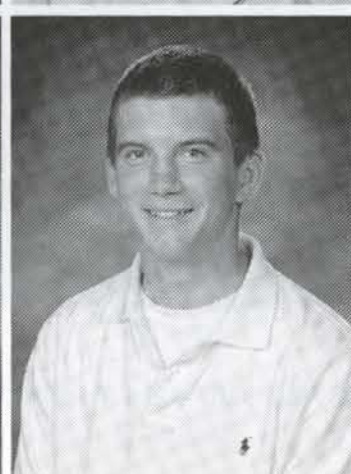
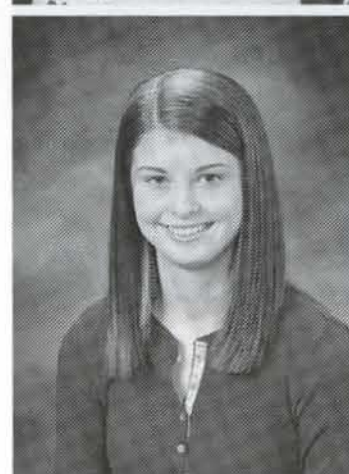
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A Way of Life

For Traye Nevius and his family the U.S. Army isn't just a career, it's a life-style

By Catherine Anhalt

"My family is never home. It's been about five years since we've all been together," sophomore Traye Nevius explained, referring to his family's participation in the U.S. Army.

Not seeing an immediate family member for years would seem odd for most people, but not for the Nevius'. They are a U.S. Army family. Having relatives all over the country and overseas is normal for him.

Nevius' father, brother, sister, grandfather, uncle, and two cousins are all in or have been in the army. For the Nevius family, the army is tradition.

"It's a way of life. It's everything I've ever known," Nevius said.

Nevius' brother, Tyler, and sister, Tiana, are currently overseas. Tyler is stationed in Germany and is far from any fighting or danger. Tiana, however, is in Iraq. Traye and his family are worried about both, but more for Tiana.

"She was just involved in a rollover, which is when the hummer tips over. People usually die when this happens. Tiana almost broke her neck," Nevius said.

Although it would seem Nevius would feel required or obligated to enlist in the army, he doesn't feel it is. Because of the family tradition, Nevius wants to join. There are no second thoughts about it.

"I definitely plan on going into the army. That or go into Special Forces like H.A.L.O. (high altitude, low opening parachute jumping)," Nevius said.

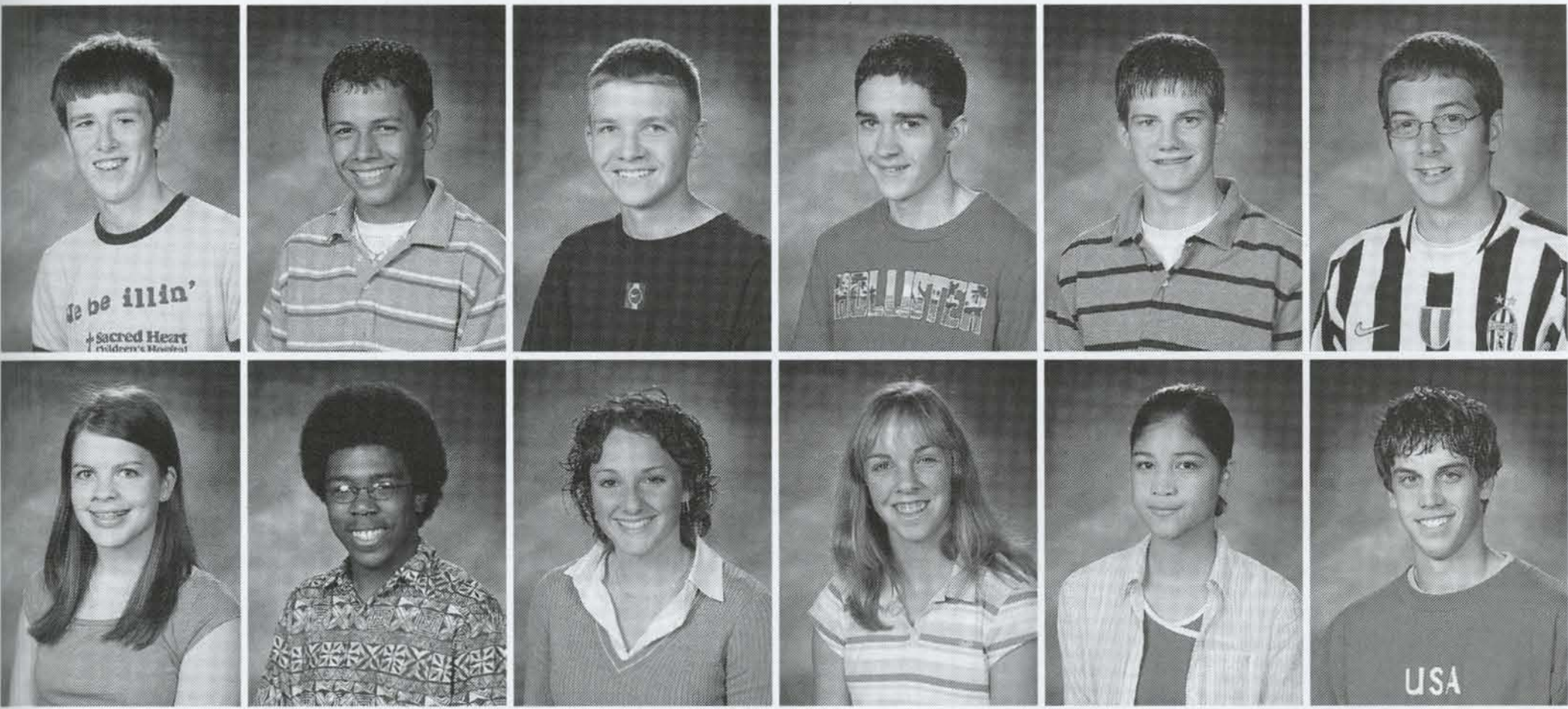
As a typical "army brat," Nevius has traveled and lived all over Illinois and the country with his family. The Nevius' have lived in Springfield, Pontiac, Lexington, Champaign, Bloomington and three cities in Virginia.

"Everywhere I've lived is because of the army," Nevius said.

Hearing about different army families and seeing them on television, the average individual would think they'd know how Nevius' life is at home; a drill sergeant father enforcing rules just like in an army division. In the Nevius household, it couldn't be more different.

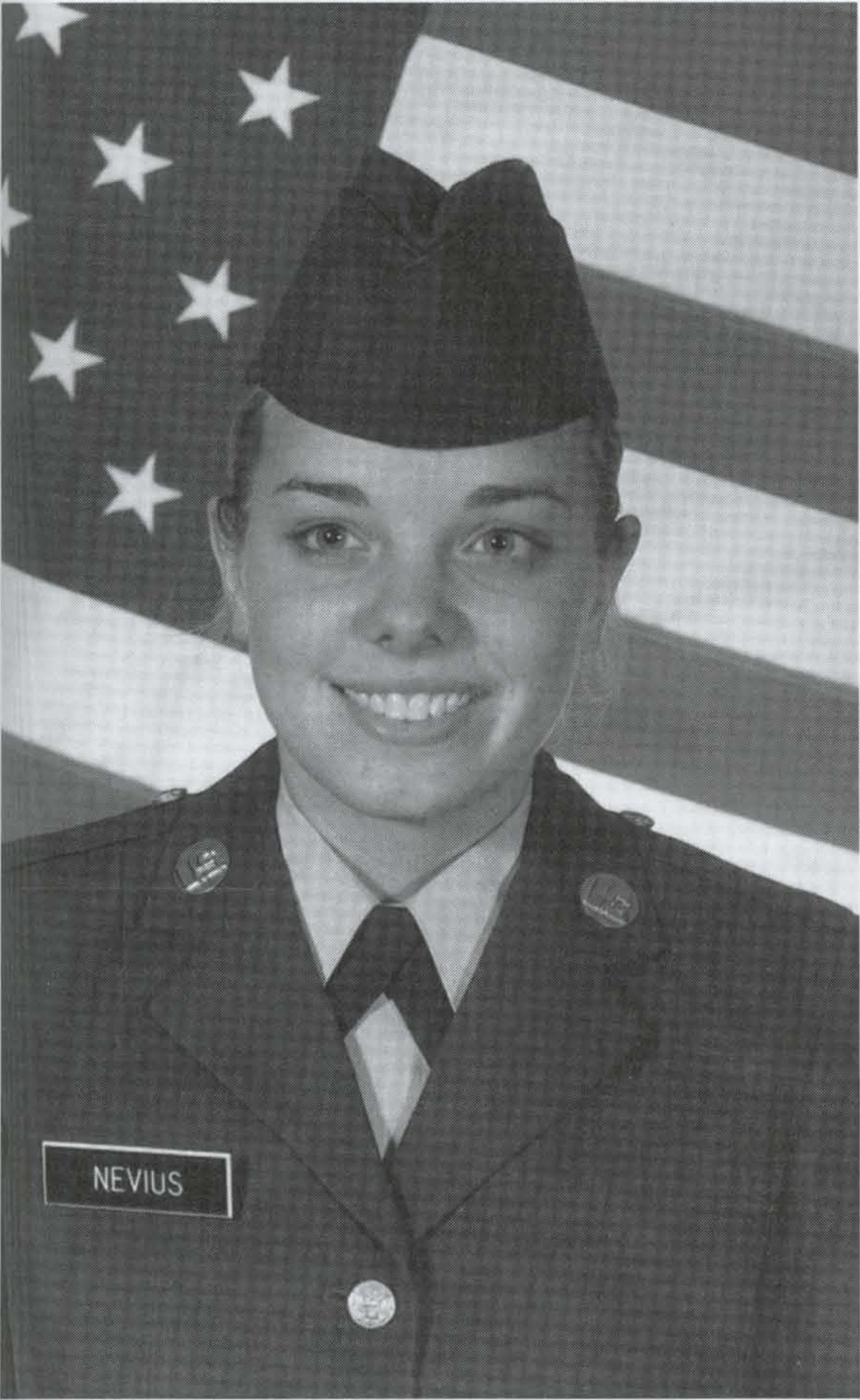
"My dad is a lot different at home than at work. I'm disciplined at home, but not to the extreme," Nevius said.

Despite the facts that the whole Nevius family is rarely together, they're scared for their children and siblings lives, and have lived all over the country, Traye Nevius and his family consider themselves to be quite normal.



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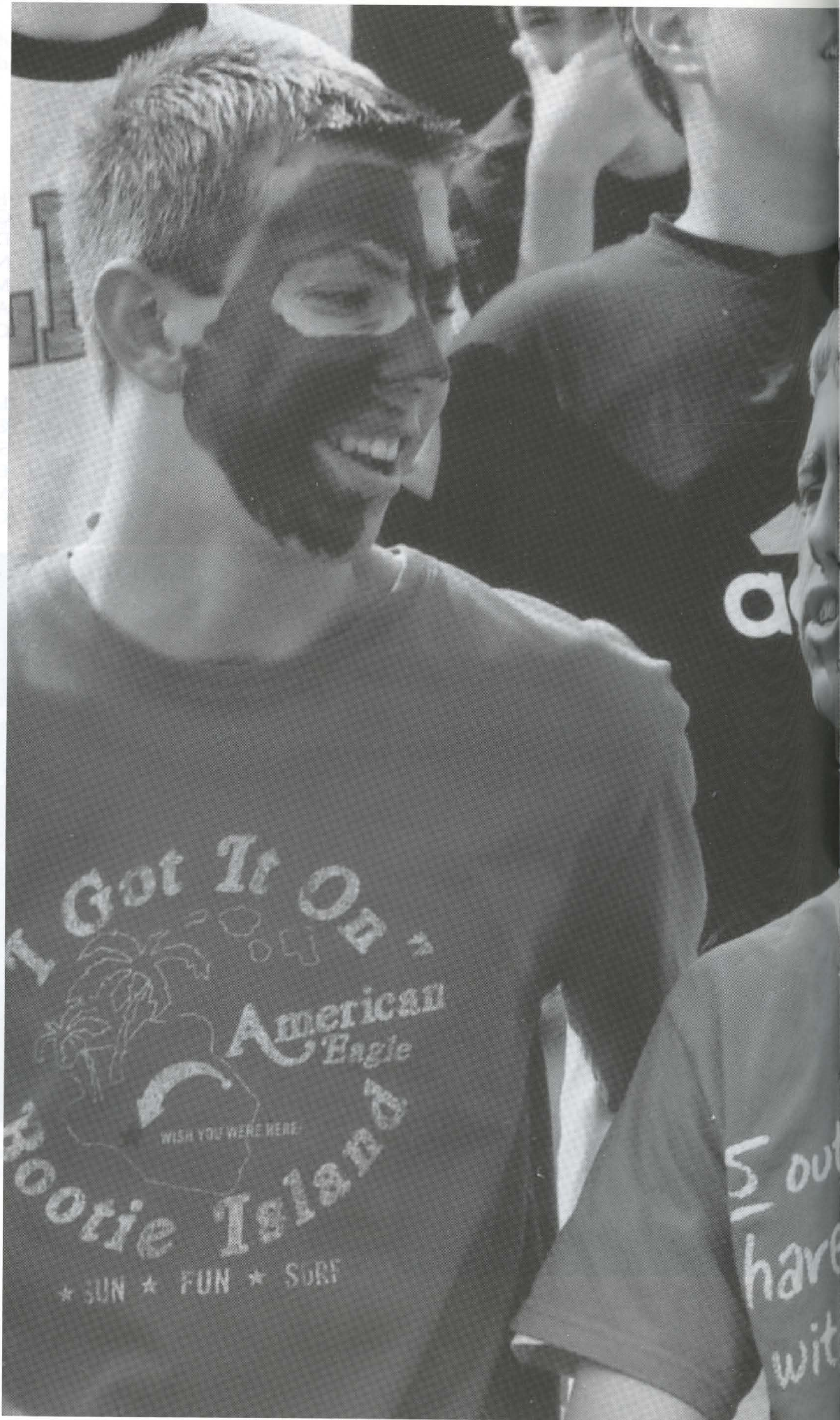


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Traye Nevius, (above) his mother, sister, father and two army personnel pose for a picture. Photograph courtesy of Nevius. **[1.14.05]** Army snapshot of Tiana Nevius (left) sister of sophomore Traye Nevius. Photograph courtesy of Nevius.

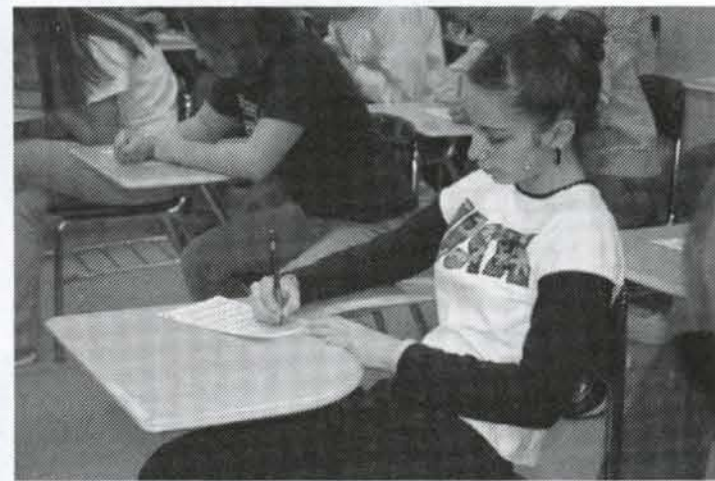
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Every Freshman

While walking the halls of U-High, it's very uncommon to see the freshmen. They are sheltered from the rest of the school on the third floor so that they're able to transition from junior high to high school. During this time, they are able to adjust to this new way of life.

The transition from junior high to high school is possibly one of the scariest things a teenager encounters. One year, they're the biggest kid in school, and in an instant, dropped to the lowest level.

However, freshman year is when students grow the most. They mature in a way that allows them to get away from the pressures of junior high where conformity dominates the halls. Here at U-High, especially, they are able to be more comfortable with who they are.

One of the greatest things about high school is having a broader range of choices, friends, and classes. In high school, there isn't as much pressure to be part of a certain clique. You're able to choose the classes you'd like to take and making your own decisions seems to get easier.

After that first year of never-ending homework, overwhelming classes, and a tremendous amount of new people to meet, it's all uphill from there. There are three more years of change to endure and memories to make. [By Lisa English. Photos by Sarah Charles, Allie Jocson and Mallory McCoy.]

Whistling a Different Tune

Adam Larson gave up his free time in order to pursue his musical career

By Megan Sage

Not only does Adam Larson sit first chair in both jazz band and concert band at U-High, but he has also recorded three CD's and formed his own quartet.

With a father playing the drums and his mother directing band it wasn't surprising when Larson began to play the saxophone. Because of his deep passion for jazz music, he had no doubt that he would love his new instrument.

He practices three hours a day, sometimes practicing up to five hours on the weekends. He sets up a strict plan for what he wants to accomplish during his rehearsals and sticks pretty close to it. He doesn't let his schoolwork go unnoticed and makes himself get his homework finished before he practices.

"Most weekends, I have gig after gig lined up with most of my weekends booked. It gets tiring but I love it and wouldn't have it any other way," Larson said.

Larson leads a quartet that bears his name – The Adam Larson Quartet. It consists of his dad on drums, Wally Tuchardt on bass, and Bruce Lane on piano, both co-workers of his dad.

During the summer of 2003, before Larson began 8th grade, he recorded a CD. The recording

sessions can take several hours because there are so many takes. Sometimes Larson and his dad get a little frustrated, but the perfect take is what makes it worth the long hours.

During Christmas of that same year, Larson recorded a second CD of Christmas songs dedicated to his grandfather. In May 2004, Larson recorded his third and most recent CD.

"It's a good sense of accomplishment when you get finished. It's a nice little income too," Larson said.

As a freshman, Larson sits first chair saxophone in both Concert Band and Jazz Band, placed 3rd in state at IMEA for improvisation, received the Outstanding Fine Arts award at the Birchcreek Fine Arts Camp in Egg Harbor, W.I. but he doesn't let that go to his head.

Larson has also been featured with the Central Illinois Jazz Society House Band in Peoria and played with Dave Hoffman, who was Ray Charles' lead trumpet player for 13 years.

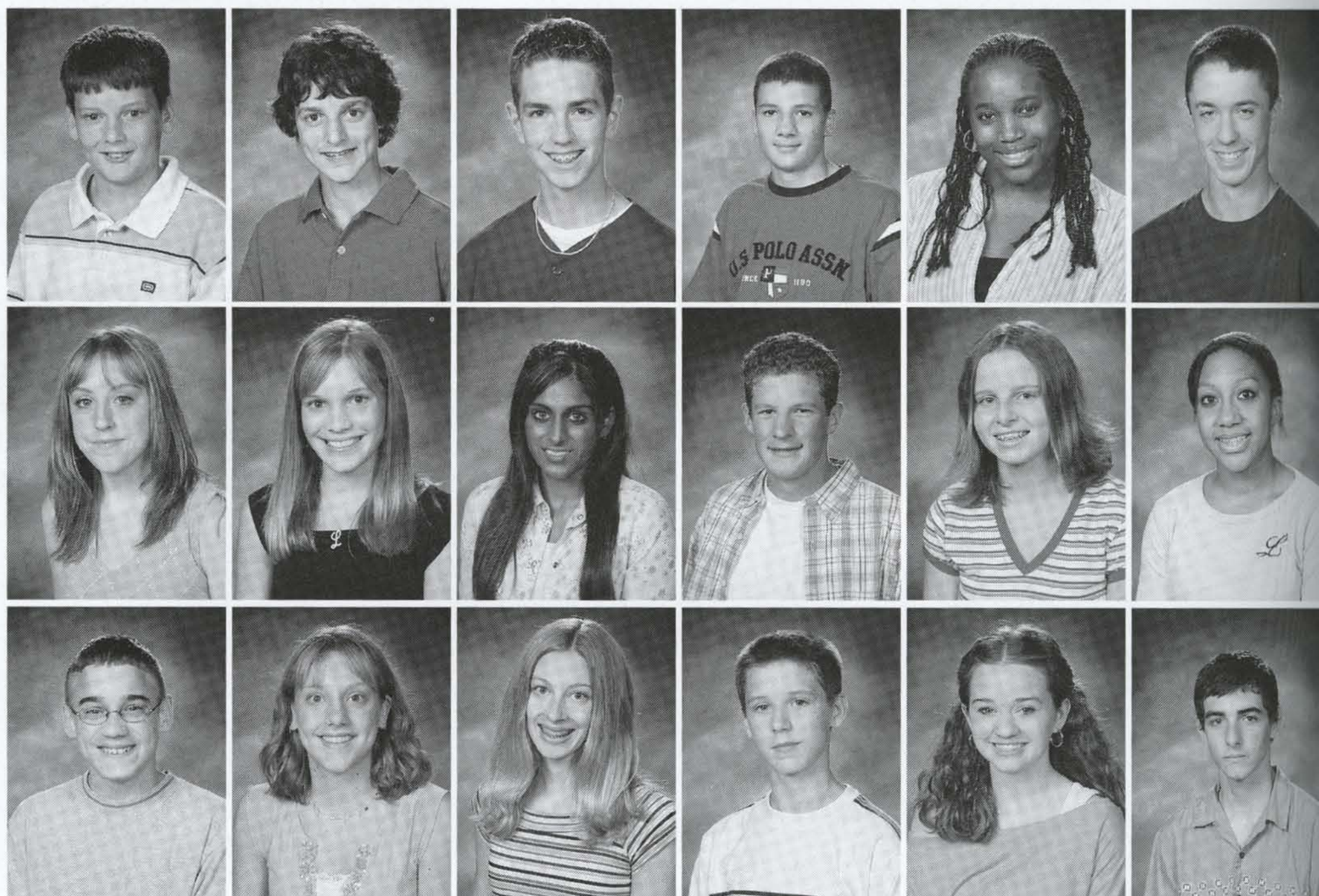
"I try to learn from people who are better than me, because that's how you get better: by bouncing ideas off each other," Larson said.

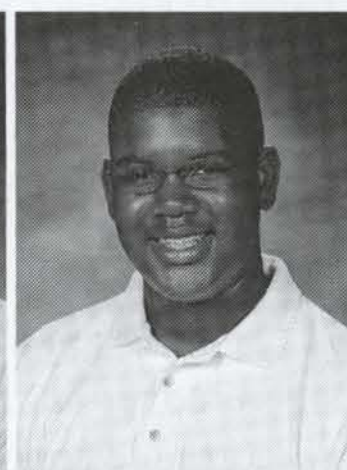
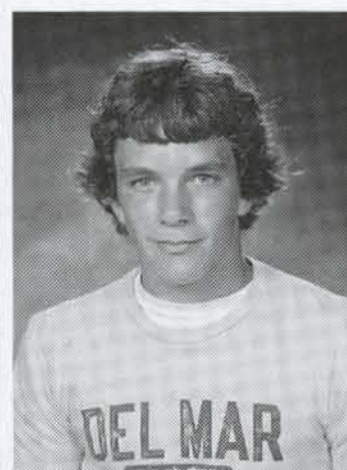
At age 15, he has excelled beyond what most teenagers ever dream of doing. He wouldn't, and couldn't, have it any other way.

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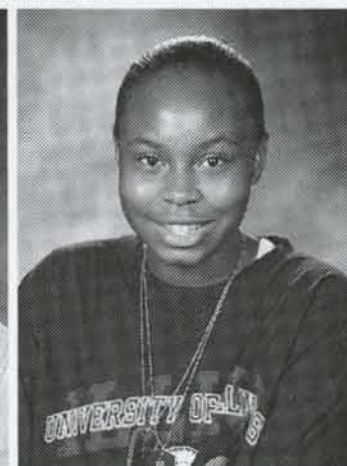
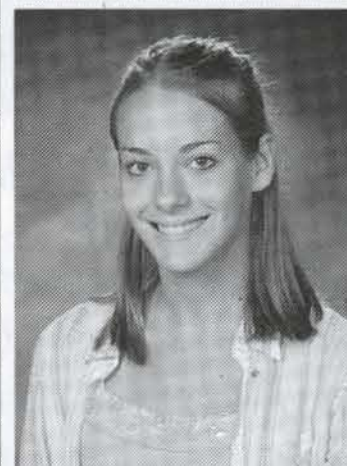




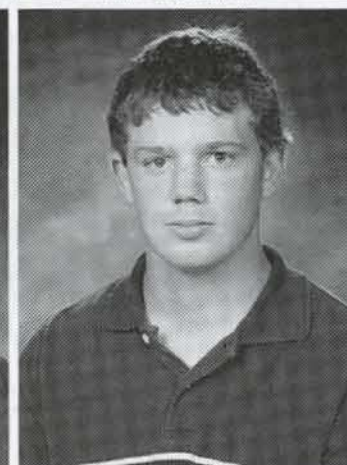
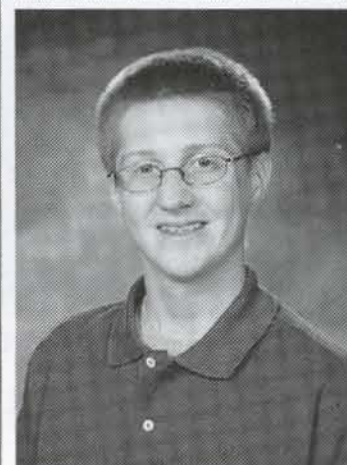
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Freshman Adam Larson (above left) plays during a Jazz Gold practice. Photograph by Allie Jocson. **[1.13.05]** Larson (bottom left) plays his saxophone during the same practice along side fellow saxophone players. "He's a great sax player," senior Josh Heimerdinger said, "And I'm glad he's able to play with us. Photograph by Allie Jocson.

Handle With Care

Because of her disorder, Mercedes Martinez's lives like a porcelin doll

By Lisa English

When Mercedes Martinez had her tonsils removed in the spring of 2004, she started to hemorrhage abnormally. After the heavy bleeding stopped, the doctors tested and informed her that she had Von Willebrand Disease (VWD) which causes excessive bleeding on external and internal body surfaces.

"Since I wasn't supposed to hemorrhage after my tonsils were taken out, they did blood tests on me and I had an extremely low blood count," Martinez said.

VWD is not a curable disease, however, it is treatable. Both females and males are able to inherit it. The most common forms of bleeding are nose bleeds, bleeding into the skin, and possible joint and muscle bleeding. There are many different forms of treatment. Martinez uses DDAVP which is a nasal spray taken two to three times a month.

It is a serious disorder that requires a lot of thinking and planning. Preventing an accident is probably one of the biggest issues.

"I think about it every day. I have to remember to stay away from sharp objects and I can't play competitively in P.E. because if I bruise, I bleed internally," she said, "I have to wear an ID tag every day incase of an accident so that I can be

rushed to the emergency room as fast as possible."

Martinez has been to the hospital in emergency situations twice. After going to the hospital when she found out she had the disease, she had to be rushed to the emergency room when she cut her artery choking on a hotdog. "I was bleeding through my mouth and when I tilted my head forward, blood poured out like a faucet," Martinez said.

Some days, the emotional concept of having a disease is harder to deal with than the physical factors of it. "It's hard to take in that I have this for the rest of my life when for the longest time I thought I was considerably healthy," Martinez said. "I'm not in pain usually, but I am able to get hurt more than others."

Martinez goes to the Blood Disorder Clinic in Peoria and loves her doctor. Unless she has problems, she only sees him every six months for check ups. "I get five tubes of blood taken and have to be tested every fifteen minutes to see if the treatment is working for me whenever I go," she said.

There are studies that Martinez plans to participate in for research. She hopes that one day she can help find a cure for this disease she suffers from.

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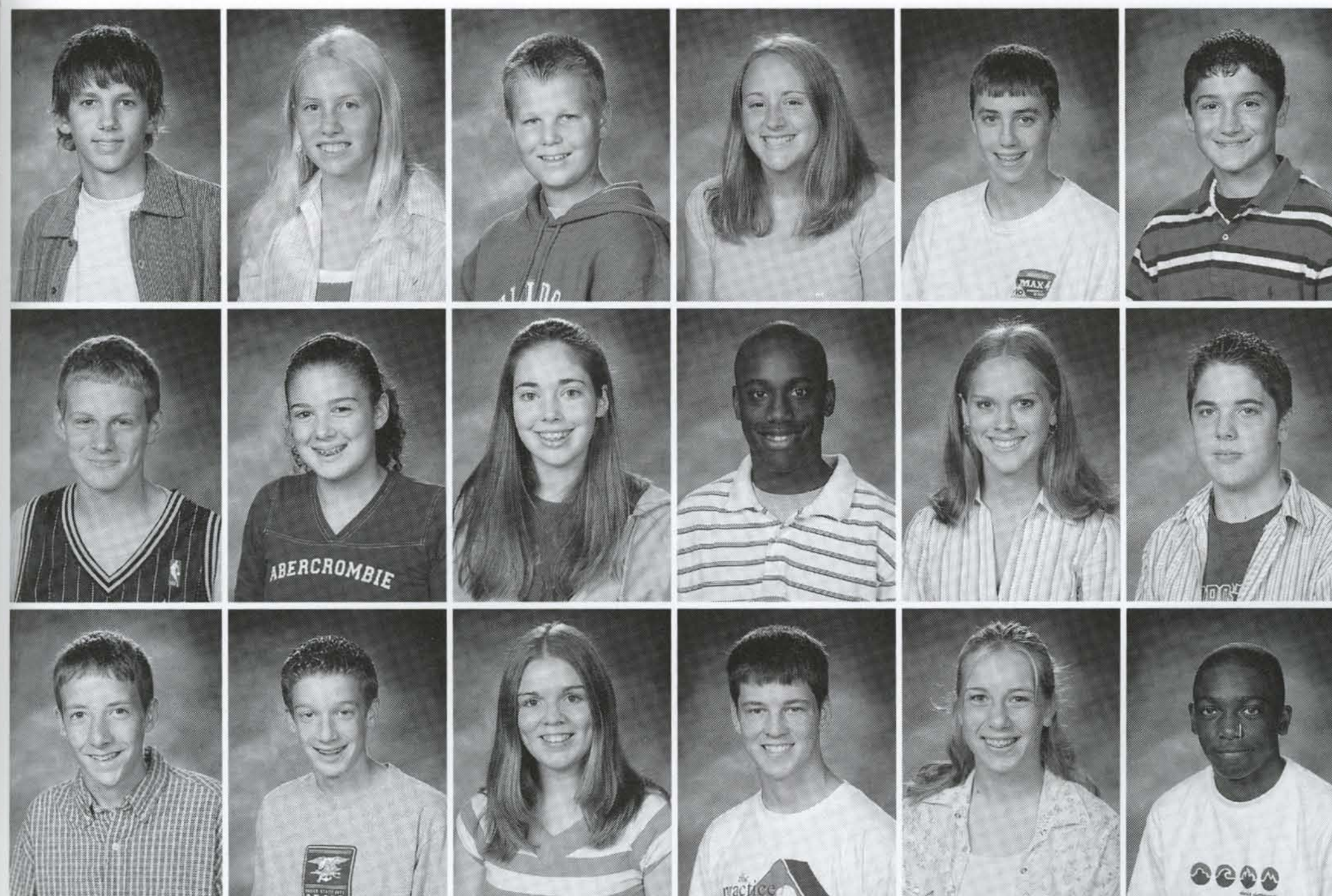
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Mercedes sits in the lounge displaying the bracelet she wears indicating that she suffers from VWD. Photograph by Sarah Hall.



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Josh Horton

Craig Hoskins
Nicholas Houska
Alyssa Humphreys
Nicholas Hutchins
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Painting the town red, blue, green and yellow

Vinny Melchiorri has given up buying a car for his sixteenth birthday in order to pursue paintball

By Katie Payne

For most people, an object flying at 300 feet per second and hitting them at full impact would put them through a lot of pain. Vinny Melchiorri is used to it.

Melchiorri became interested in paintball after trying it out at a friend's birthday party. He competes on Team Newb along with his dad and friend. The team competes in three-man tournaments held at Funks Grove and many other paintball facilities in the local area.

Melchiorri receives a lot of support from his teammates, but most of all, he supports himself. He has a job at a fast food restaurant and puts his paycheck towards paintball equipment.

"Most people my age work to buy their car when they turn sixteen, but I said bye-bye to my car and put it towards paintball," Melchiorri said. "It doesn't really matter because it's so much fun and it's worth it," he said.

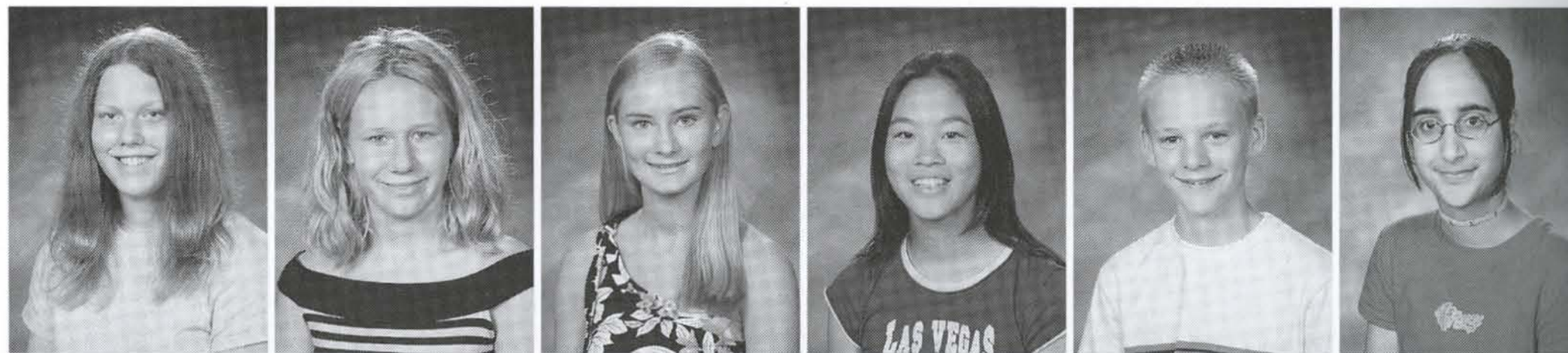
To prepare for competitions, Melchiorri practices every Sunday with his team. During these practices, they review the job of each position and have mock battles against themselves. Before every competition, Vinny remembers to polish his three guns and make sure they are filled with enough paintballs to last an entire game.

Once everyone is hit, the game is over. "I can even remember how excited I felt the first time I hit an opponent," he said, "I was able to add more enthusiasm by lifting up the expectations of the team."

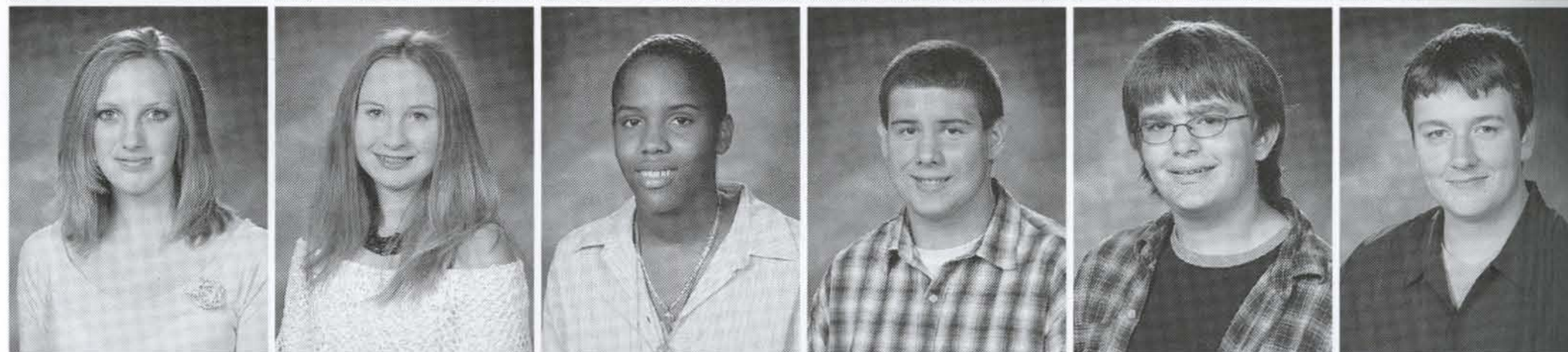
While paintball is something that Vinny loves, it gets to be very expensive. It requires a lot of dedication and hard work. He pays for his own equipment such as masks, paintballs, and guns.

"Whenever I get down and frustrated with paintball, I just remember the fun times I've had so far, like the first time I shot someone, and the good times to come," Melchiorri said.

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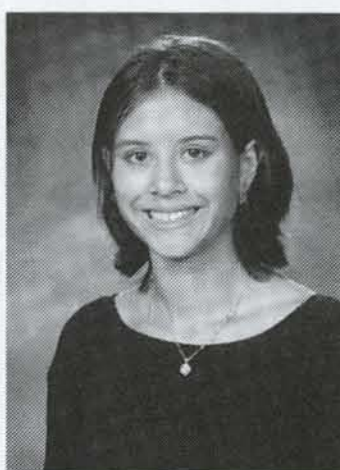


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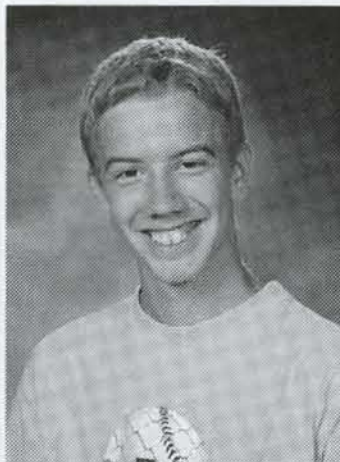
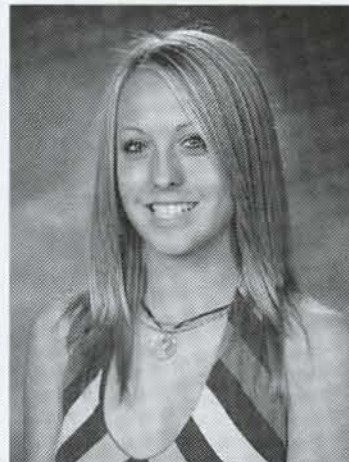


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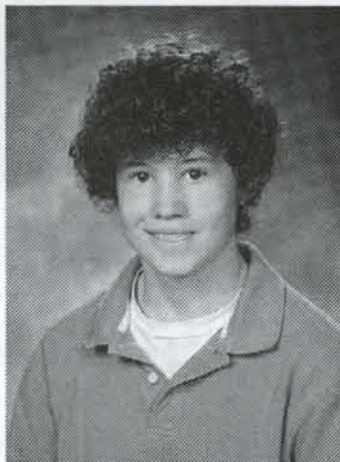
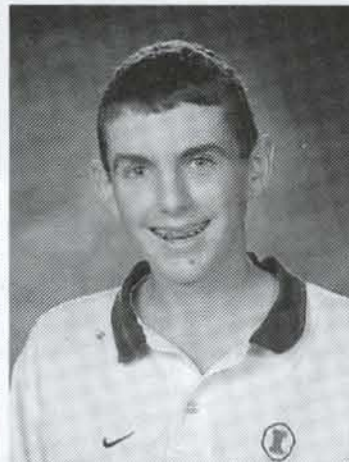




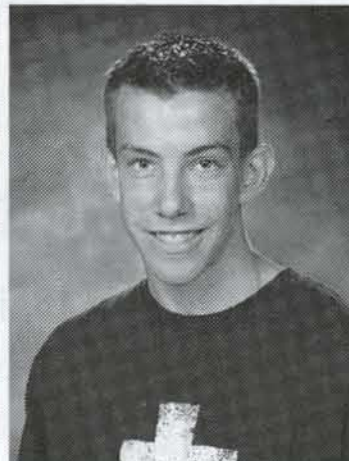
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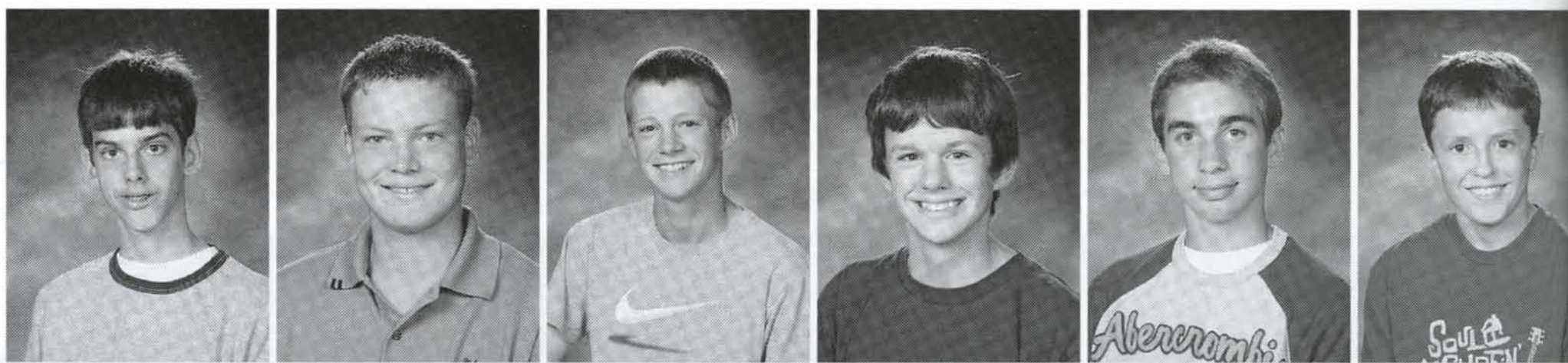


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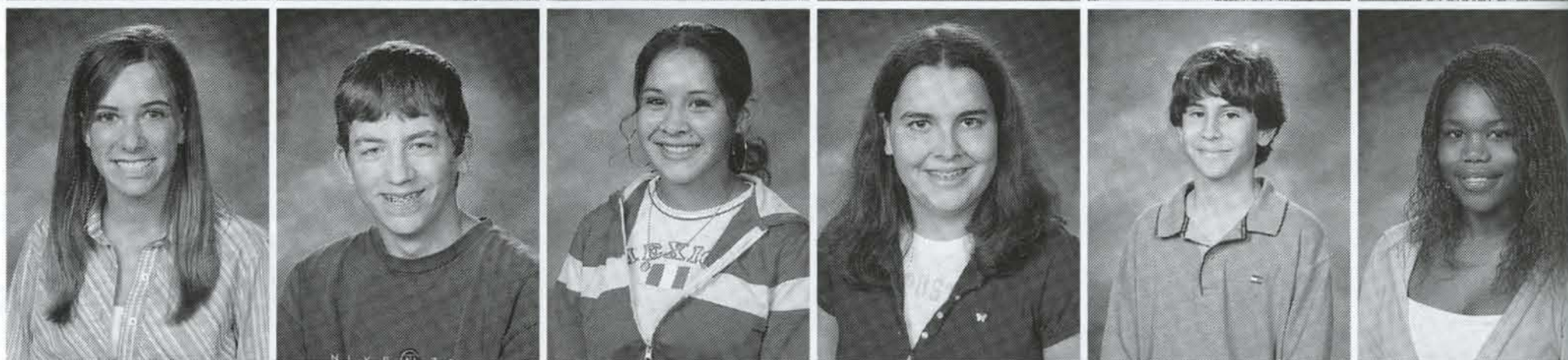
Melchiorri (left) pictured with his father and brother while paintballing. Photograph courtesy of Vinny Melchiorri.

[7.15.04] Melchiorri (above left) poses with his father and friend. Photograph courtesy of Vinny Melchiorri.

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Eric Meier
Vincent Melchiorri
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Aaron Michaels



Ally Miller
Andrew Molitor
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Jennifer Morrow
Timothy Nash
Frances Ndorongo



Jessica Nguyen
Kaitlyn Nibbelin
Alexis Ogunmokun
Cory Olsen
Angelica Ostaszewski
Madhuri Paravastu



Dancing Queen

With a passion for dancing, Lindsay Turner has made a name for herself by working her way to a spot on the varsity dance team

By Melissa Shanahan

"Five! Six! Seven! Eight!" When freshman Lindsay Turner hears these counts, she immediately starts to dance. Whether she is getting ready for a competition in Chicago, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Davenport, or Peoria, practicing for a game with the dance team, or learning her seven dances for the annual recital, Lindsey is always working hard.

Turner started dancing five years ago and has been working with Stacy Keegan at Stacy's Dance Factory ever since. She works on ballet, jazz, hip-hop, musical theater, and lyrical in order to accomplish her goal of receiving a scholarship to dance in college. Dance competitions are a big part of Turner's life.

"The competitions I attend aren't like your average ESPN competition show. In these you can perform solos, duets/trios, or groups," she said.

Turner is looking forward to competing as a soloist for the first time. She loves getting to compete against the other studios to see what they can do.

"Dancing in front of people gives you a stronger confidence," Turner said.

For so much time and effort put into getting ready for performances, she devotes a lot of time in keeping her priorities straight.

"It's not a problem because I know how to balance my time right. I take my inspiration from past dancers of the competition team and my dance teachers," Turner said.

All of this excitement would make anyone want to become a dancer. Not only does Turner get to do something she loves, but she also gets the opportunities to be the only freshman participant on the U-High Dance Team.



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Lindsey Turner practices her moves in front of a mirror to make sure she is getting them perfect.

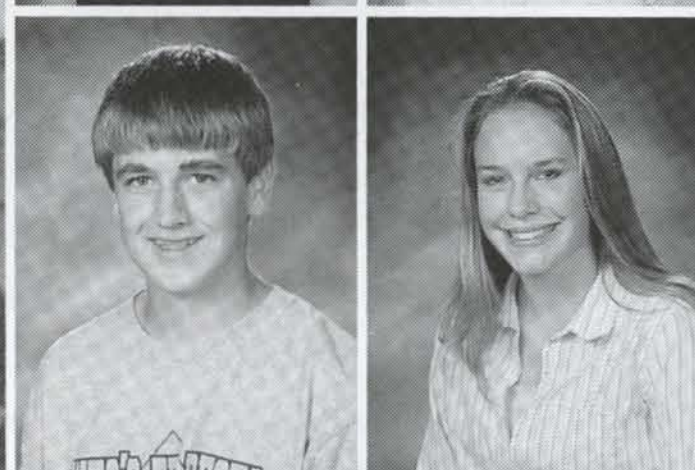


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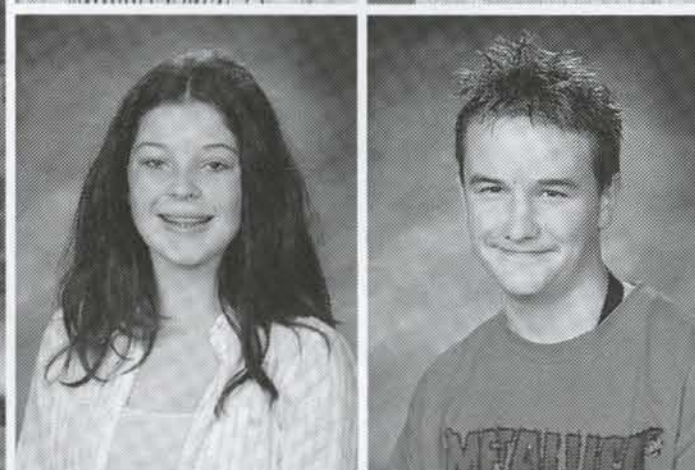
Lindsey Turner demonstrates her dancing talent to a crowd of U-High basketball fans during the halftime show.



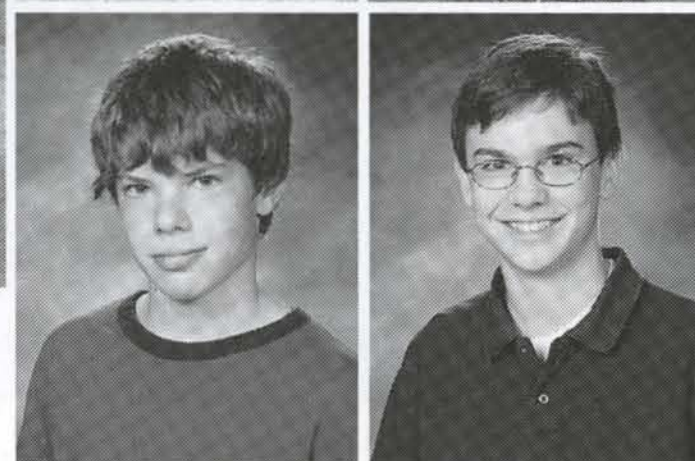
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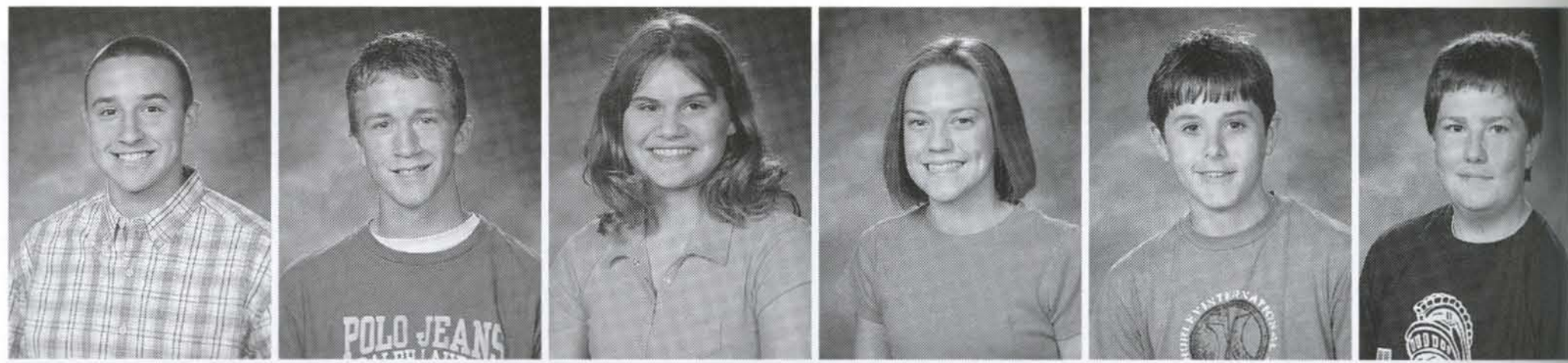


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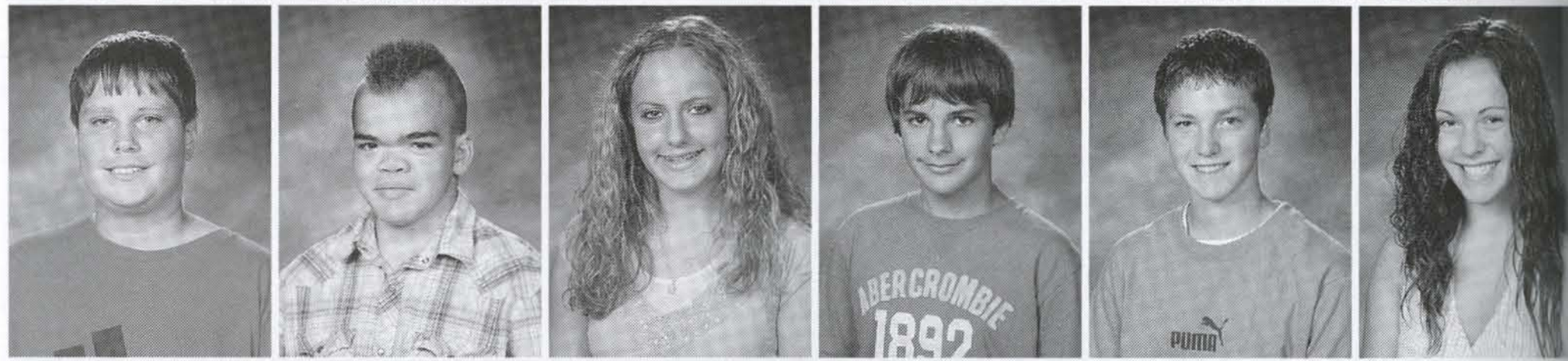


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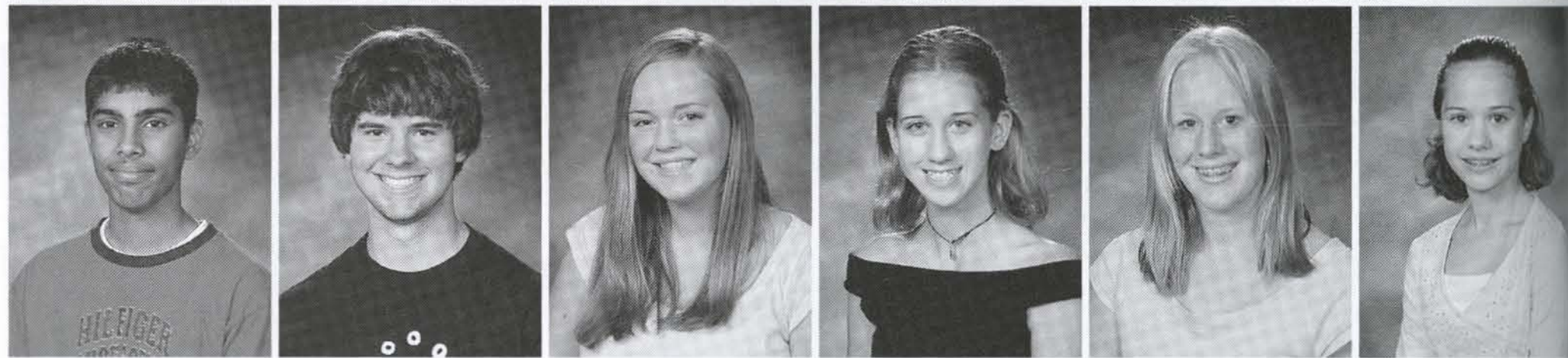
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Jordan Schumacher



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Matthew Skibo
Rebecca Smith
Rachel Solava
Emily Stevens
Haley Stuckey



Dreaming Big

Joe Waropay had big hopes coming to U-High and he can already see them coming true

By Melissa Shanahan

Ever since we were little, we were always taught to dream big. If we believed in ourselves and worked hard enough, we would be able to do anything. Joe Waropay has already accomplished great things but is still looking for more.

Waropay came to U-High from Tri-Valley Jr. High where he wrestled for LeRoy Jr. High because of the co-op program. He was a strong competitor from when he started in the sixth grade. He is a three time sectional qualifier, a two time state qualifier, and the State Champion of the 145lbs. group. "It was a tough year and a lot of fun. I put in a lot of work and it paid off," he said.

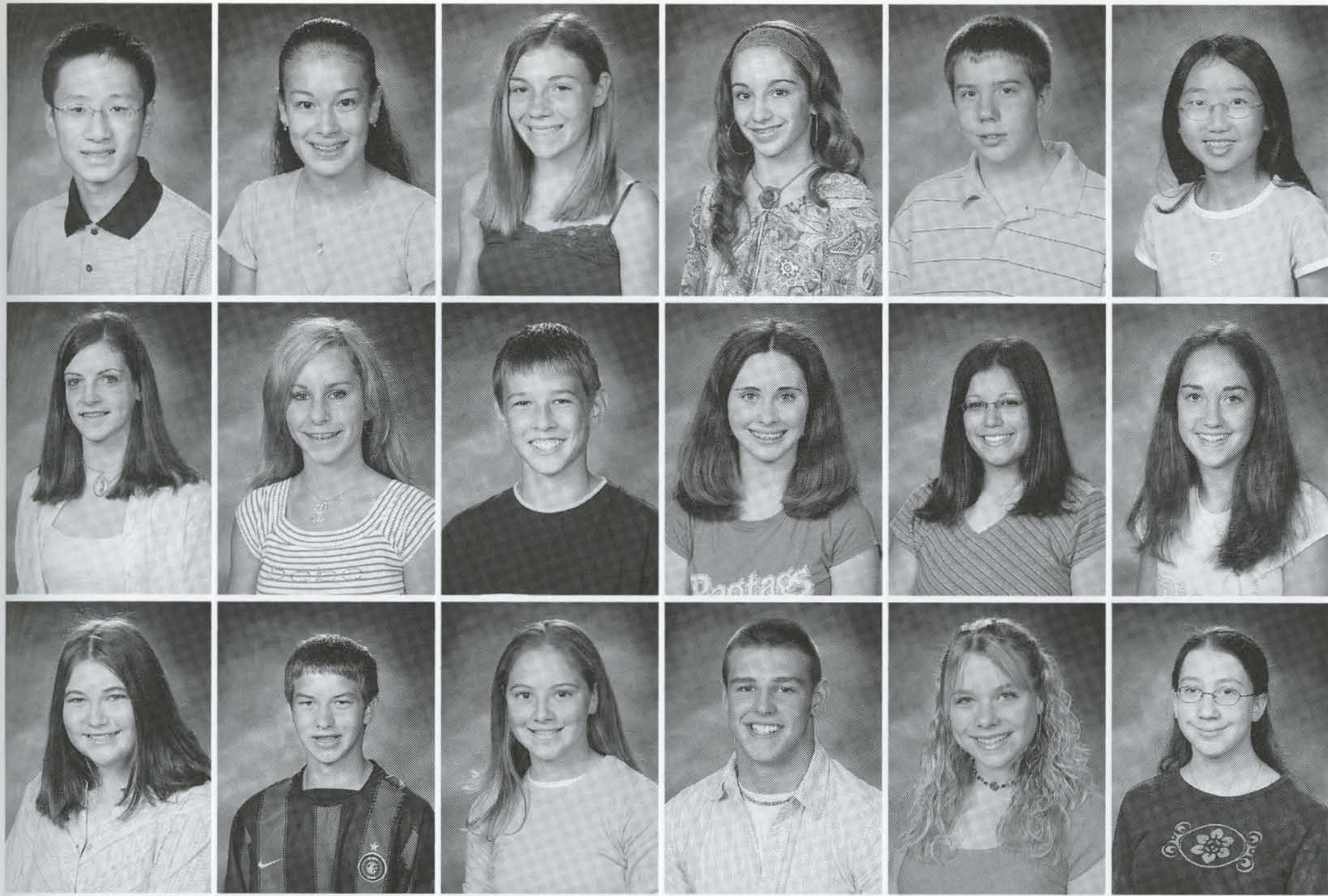
Waropay didn't always picture himself to be a wrestler. "I started wrestling for something to do after basketball season because I'm the type of person who likes to stay busy. It turned out to be

something I loved," he said.

"I heard U-High was a great school for academics and sports. I was looking to meet new people and it was an opportunity for all the things I'm interested in," Waropay said. Like all incoming freshmen, he felt a little nervous about coming to a new school. That, however, has passed.

"Coach Troll pushes us and that's what we all need to get better. We are always trying to get better and that's great for us as a team and individuals," Waropay said, "I knew it was a young team and a growing program, but I didn't have a problem with that. I knew that I would be pushed to do my best and work hard."

Waropay has one big goal for the future and that is to be back at State. "I know that you have to fail to succeed and if I stay focused and work hard I can reach my goals," he said.



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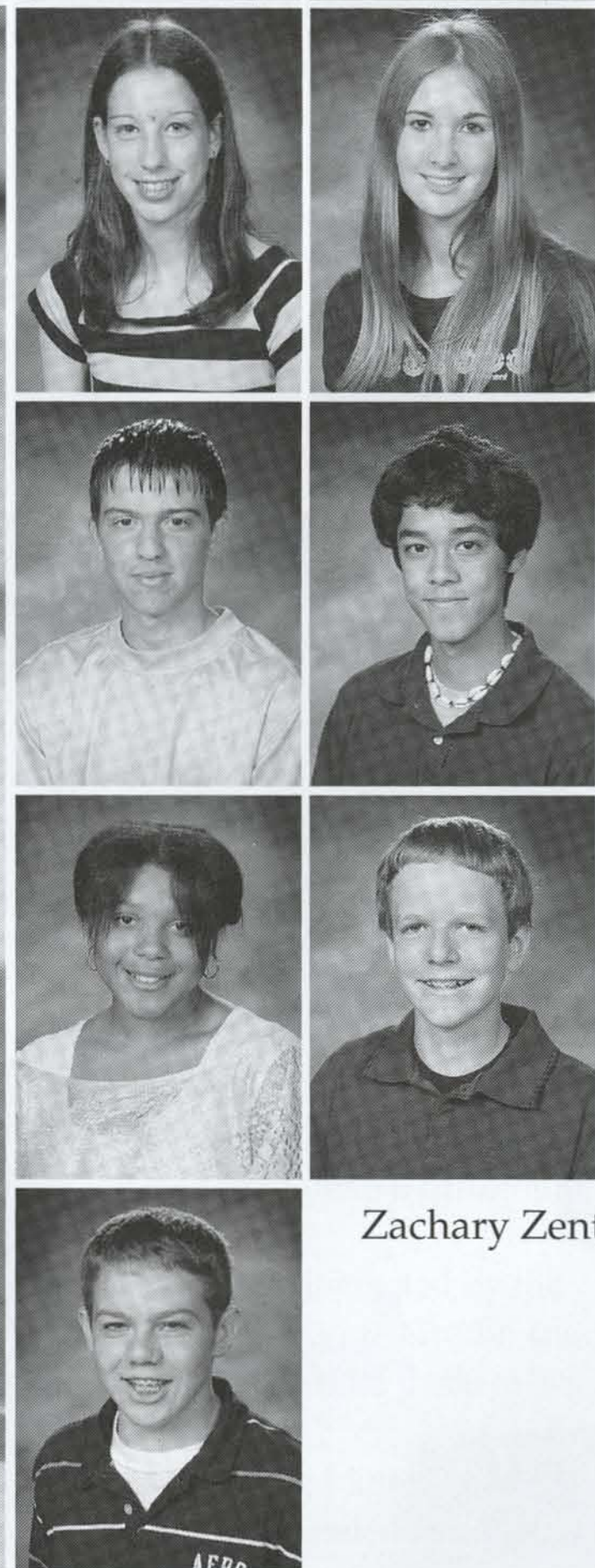
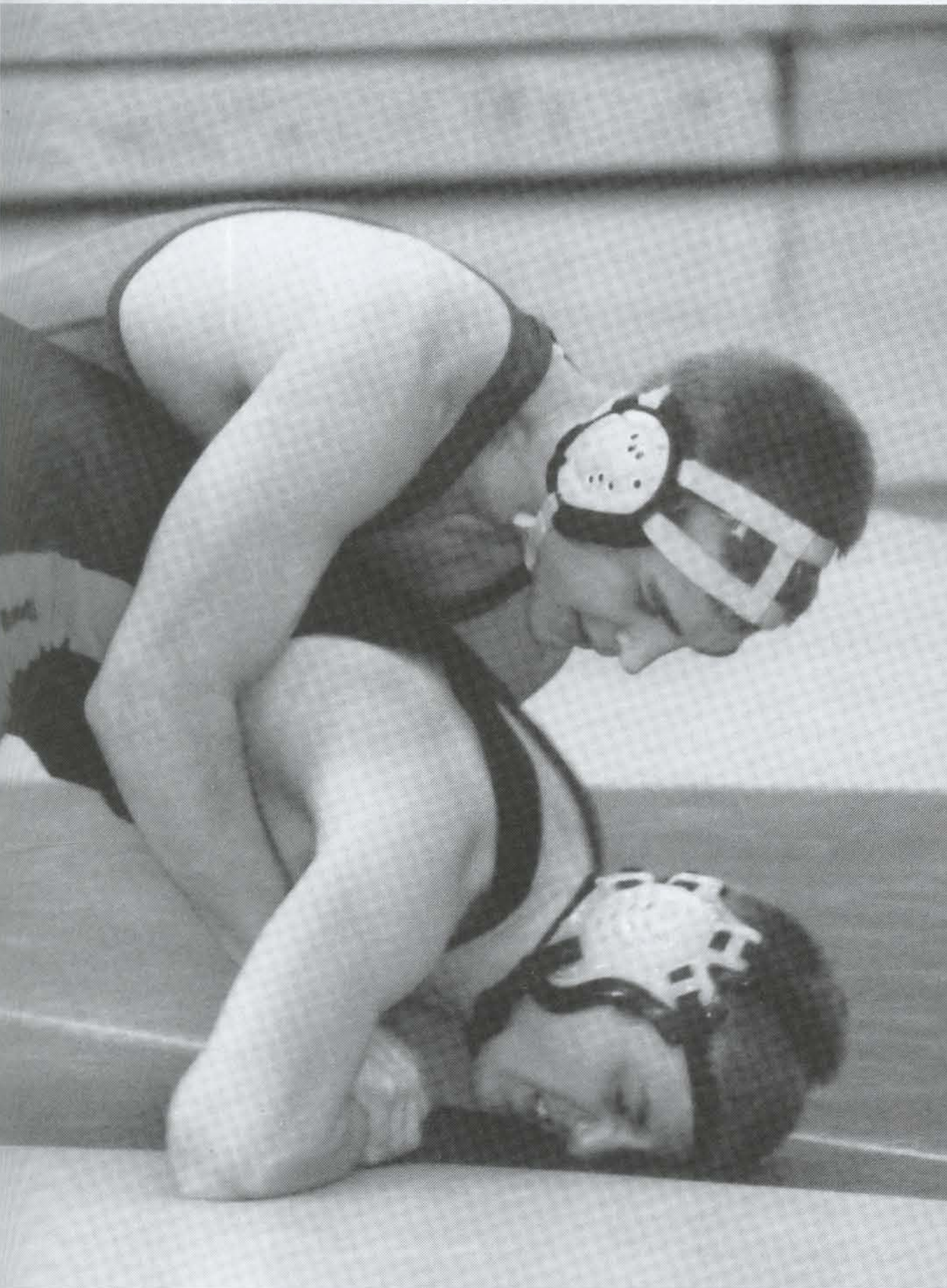
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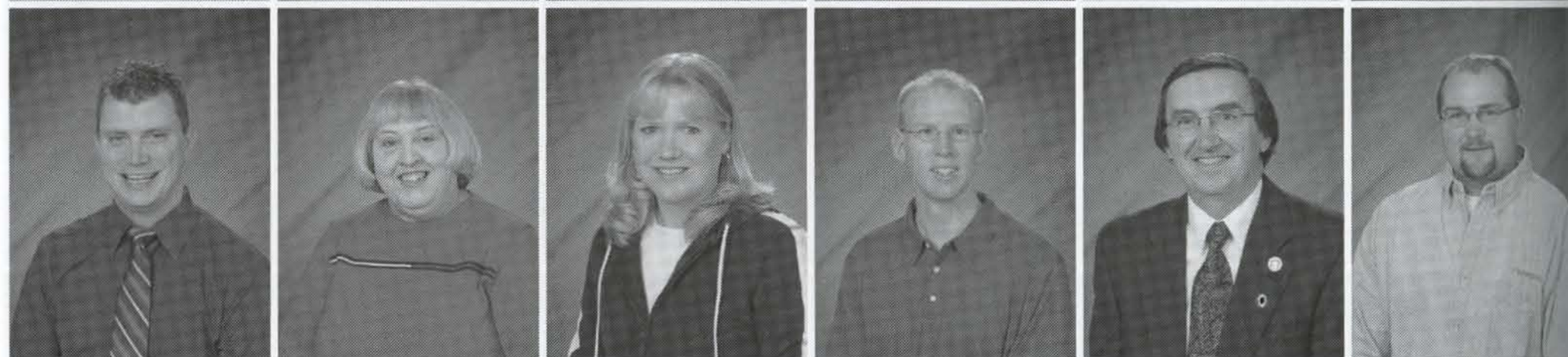


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Joe Waropay brings his opponent to the ground in an attempt to win the match. Photograph by Allie Joscon.

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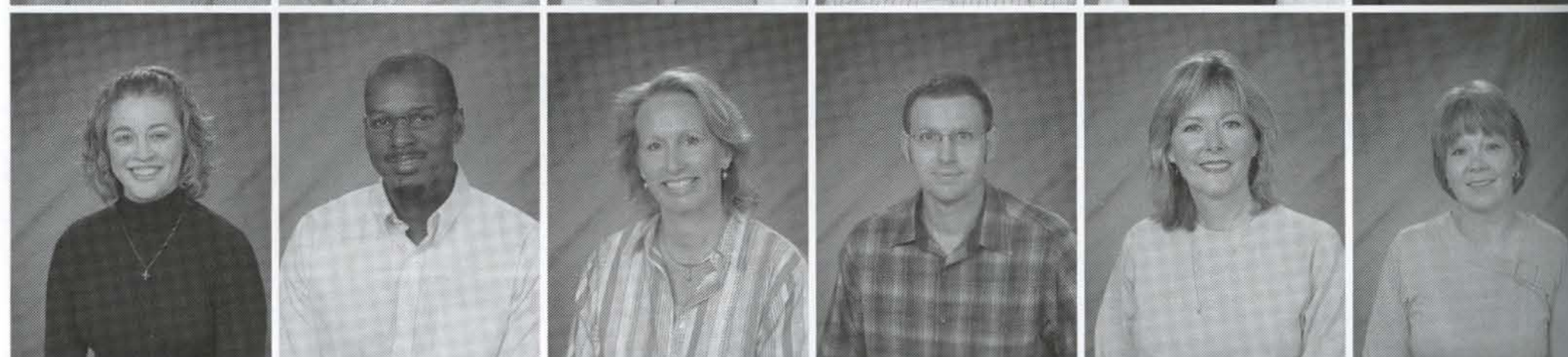
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The soon to be Mr. and Mrs. Andy Grotbo pose for a picture. Grotbo surprised Spanish teacher Karen Potter with a proposal at school.
Photograph courtesy of Karen Potter.

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Cathy Troyer
Jermaine Ware

Perfect Proposal

Spanish teacher Karen Potter was surprised with a special question during her class

By Erica Rohren

Just by saying "yes," Spanish teacher Karen Potter is soon to be Mrs. Andy Grotbo.

Potter knew Grotbo for over two years and said she has been in a serious relationship with him for a little over a year.

Grotbo and Potter had many conversations about getting married. She had an idea he was going to propose, but she said she never thought he would do it the way he did.

Grotbo called French teacher Mary Witherow and told her he bought Potter a ring. He wanted to come to U-High and propose during her 2 P.M. class.

Grotbo asked Witherow if there was any way to get the proposal videotaped. The next morning, Witherow went to administration and got approval for taping. She covered by telling Potter that they needed more tapes for C&I students.

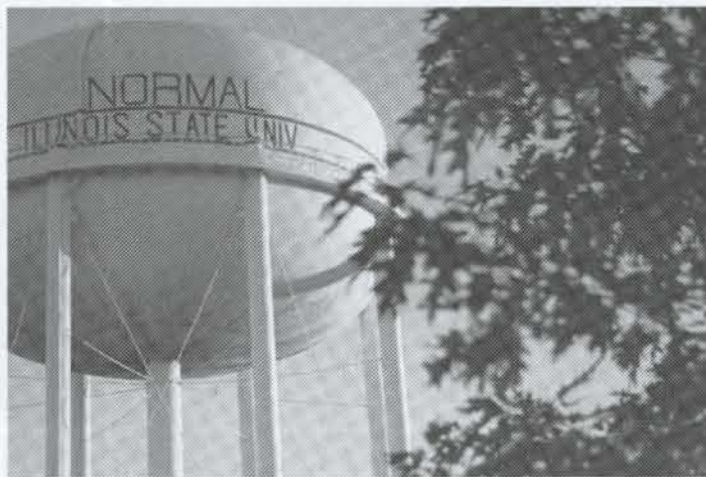
On October 13, Potter was in the middle of her two-o'clock class when Principal Jerry Christensen and Assistant Principal Candice Swift came in her room.

"I wondered what they were doing in my classroom but I didn't really think anything of it," Potter said. After Christensen and Swift entered, James Potter's class entered the Spanish office and into Potter's class as well.

While Potter was being distracted by the unexpected additions to her classroom, Grotbo snuck in behind her. Once she turned around there he was, standing by her side.

"Right when I saw Andy, I knew what was happening," Potter said. Grotbo handed her a flower, got on one knee, and asked, "Will you marry me?" She said yes.

"It ended up perfect. I could tell that he wanted it to be special," Potter said.



University High School is what kept us bound together during the 2004-2005 school year and this book serves as proof of that. Although it is fun to look back at the past, the reality is that the future holds many more memories.

Yes, it is important to hold onto old memories but life does not begin and end in high school. It is a time where each student can find out who they really are. As we all go through the same experiences we tend to grow immensely from them. Everyone gets dumped. Everyone gets their license. Everyone gets senioritis.

Next year at this time, every one of us will be at a different place in our lives. The freshman will emerge from the third floor as sophomores, the sophomores will invade the junior lot, the juniors will come forth as the dominant seniors, and the class of 2005 will be dispersed across the country. Change is always taking place and absolutely nothing can stop that.

I hope that through this book, you were able to smile at the memory of Josh Heimerdinger's expandable cheeks or the time the administration asked us to come in on a Saturday to clean the school. It's these little things that will stay with us as we scatter every which way. [By Allie Jocson. Photographs by Mallory McCoy and Allie Jocson]

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Stephanie Lynn Donnan

What fun it has been to see you become the beautiful person you are. From your first dance steps to "tuba player with the curly hair," you've been our pride and joy.

Congratulations.

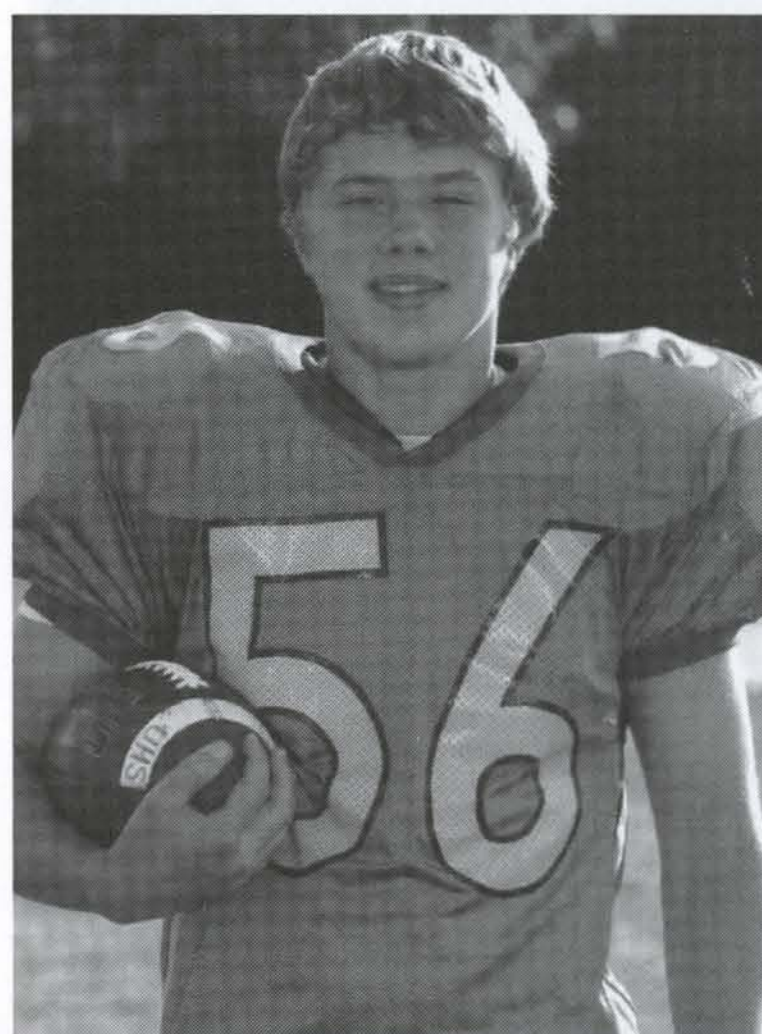
Love, Mom, Dad, Amanda, Tom,
Emily, and Megan



Michael Darrow

We are proud of your achievements in school. Use the talents God has given you and success will follow wherever your dreams take you! Our love and prayers for a bright future.

We love you, Dad, Mom, Ricky, and Jenny



Katie Sliney



Congratulations on four great years at U-High. We're proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad



Kevin Graden

We are so proud of your accomplishments and know you will be successful in life.

Much Love,
Mom and Dad



Mike Rice

From PCU at Metcalf to graduation at U-High, the time has gone too fast. Good luck at the U of I or Southern.

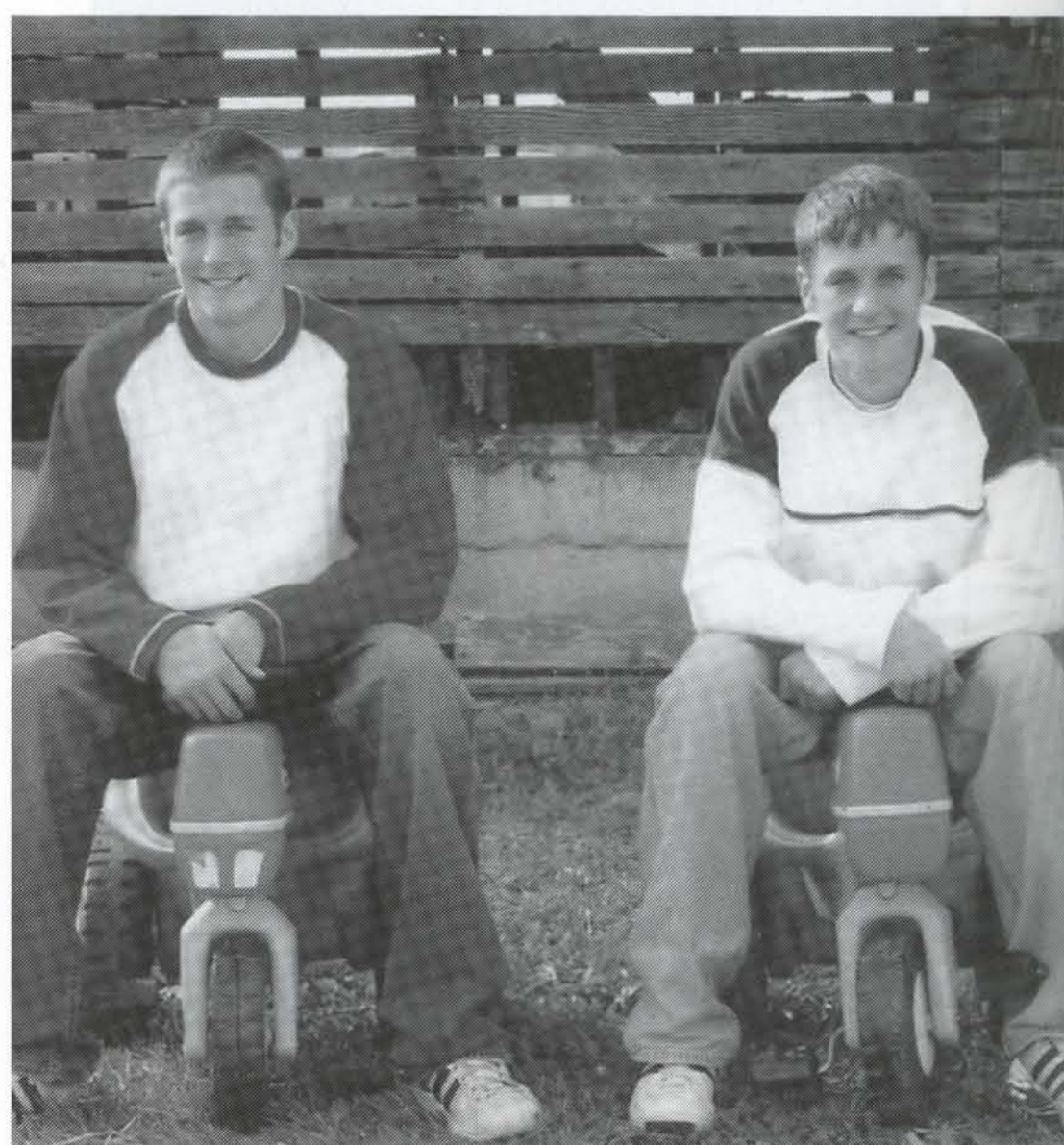
Love,
Mom and Doug



Ben and Collin

The discussion continues: Who's on the red tractor and who's on the green tractor. It's been a good ride, but the journey is just beginning. May you always be good friends.

Love,
Rebecca, Natalie,
Mom, and Dad



Alex Preller

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."

Thoreau

Wherever your drummer takes you, we will be there to cheer you on!

We love you, Mom and Dad



Allie Jocson

Allie - May you always taste of the good things in life. Raising you has been one of our greatest joys. We open our hands and let you go.

Godspeed.

Love, Dad and Mom



Sarah Elizabeth Hall

We are proud of who you have become and all you have accomplished.

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight..." Philippians 1:5

All our love, Mom, Dad, and Ben



Catherine Anhalt

Katarzyna - We are so proud of the lovely, intelligent and caring young lady you have become. We wish you much love and happiness on your journey of life. Congratulations!

Love you, Marmee and Dad



Jill Stralow



Celebrate your accomplishments! We are so very proud of you. You are a beautiful, kind, compassionate, caring young lady. It has been such a joy to guide you through these years. Remember that wonderful blessings come to you each day. Always do your best to make your dreams come true.
All our love, Dad, Mom, and Jordan.



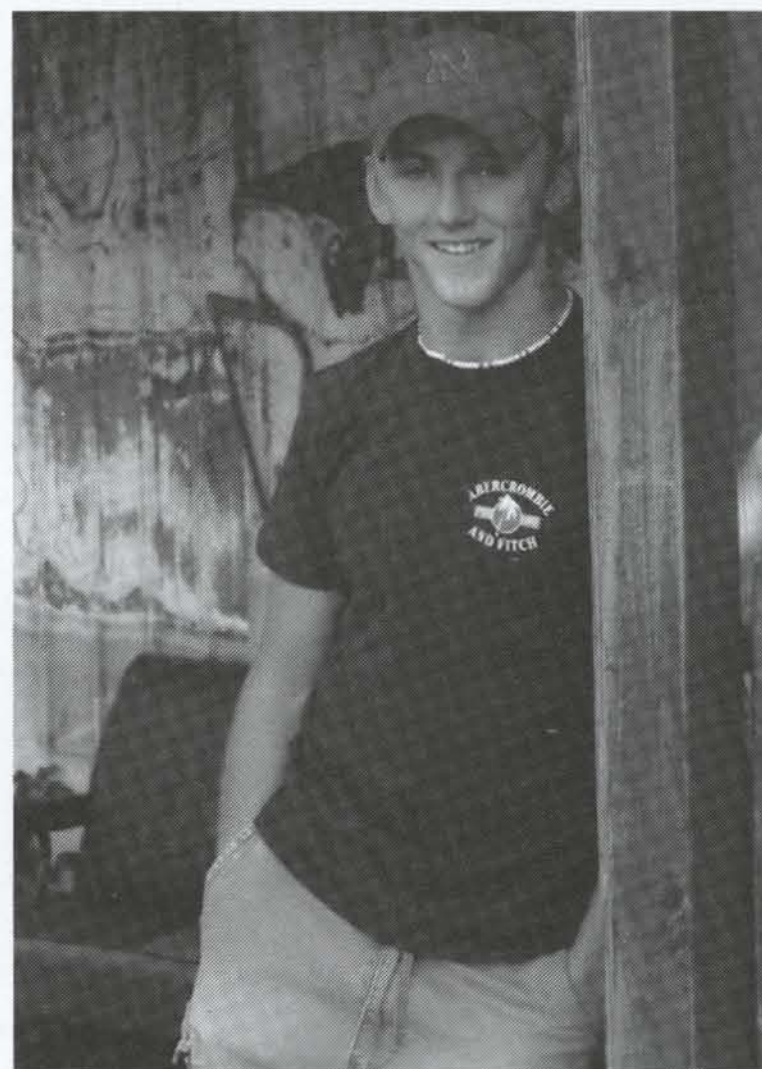
Lindsay Bertsche

Lindsay - we are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. You are truly an amazing person. Thank you for your past, present, and future, but most of all...your love.
Keep God in your heart.
Love, Dad and Mom



Brad Meier

We are so proud of you and everything you have worked for - the future is yours!
Love, Mom, Dad, Bethany, and Emily



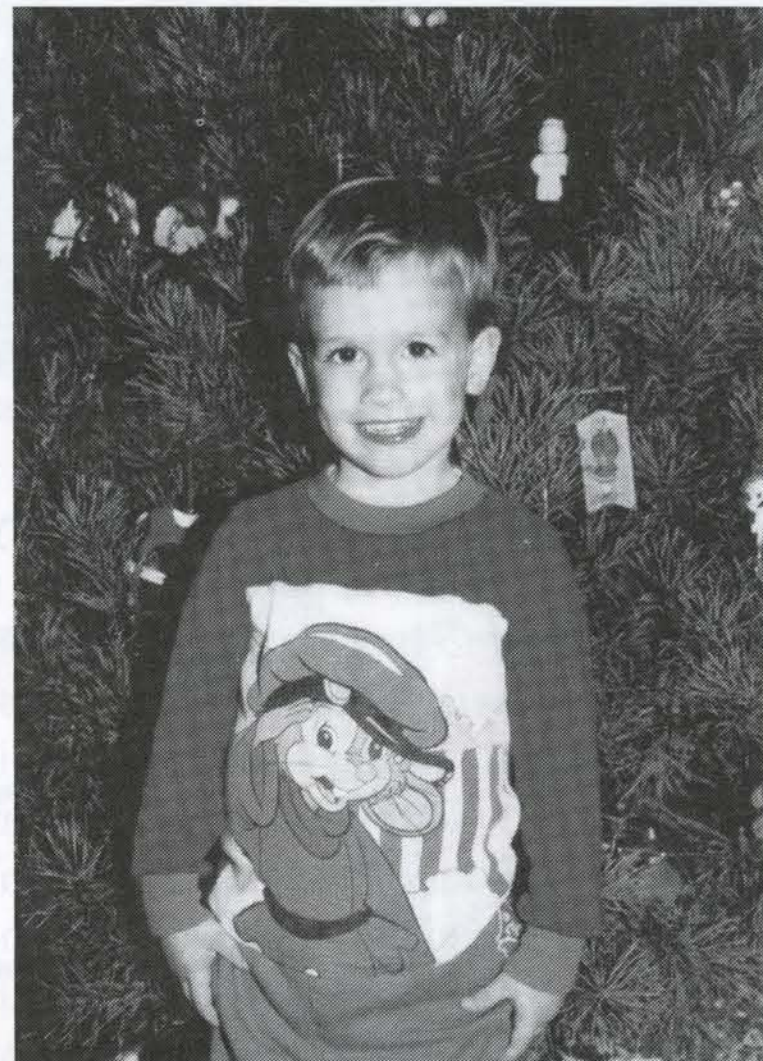
Jared Wheet

Congratulations on your graduation. We're so proud of you. Jared, know that wherever life takes you, we wish you all the best.
Love you lots, Mom, Dad, and Bobby

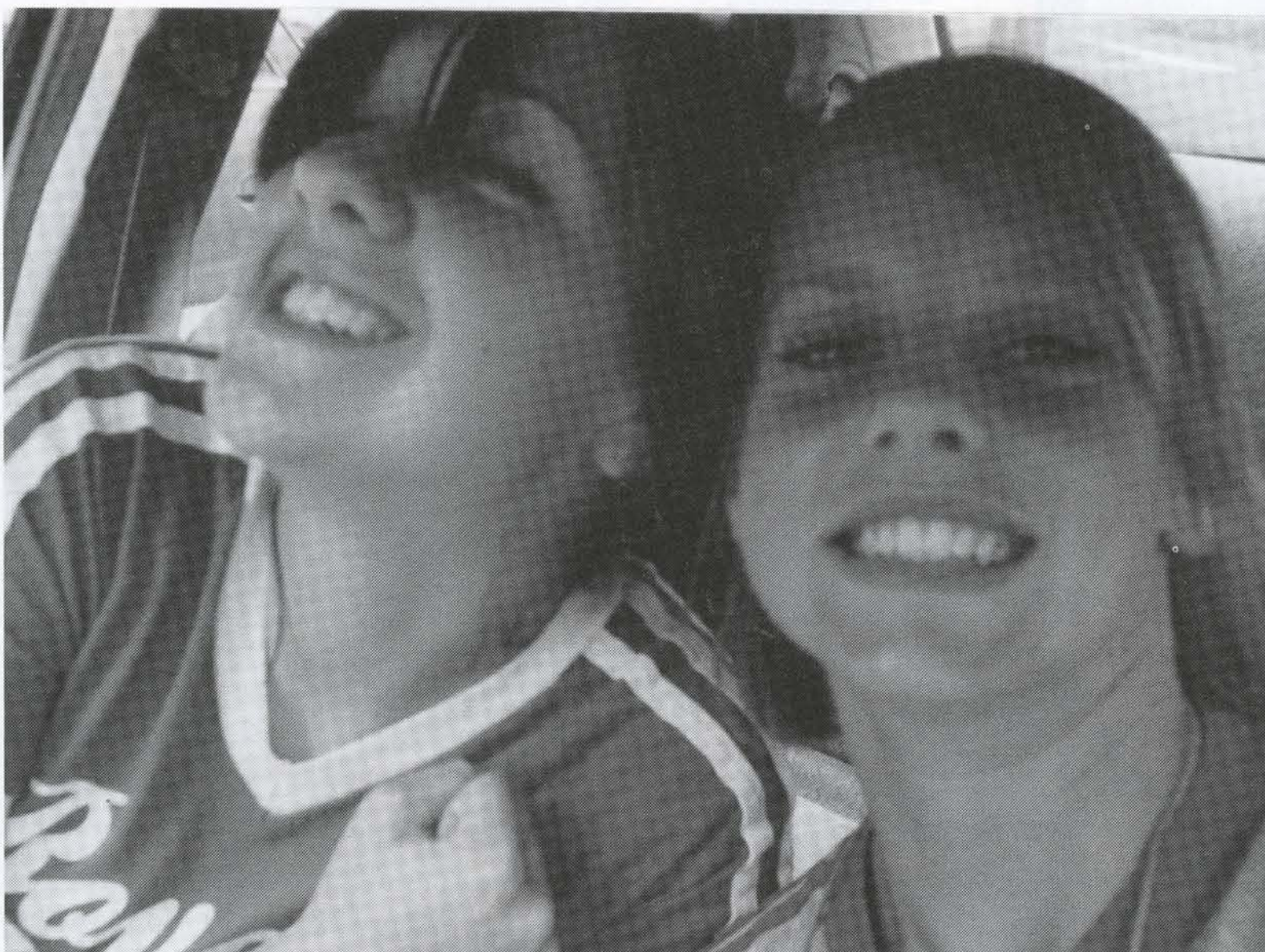


Tom Alldridge

It's been a joy watching you grow into the person you are today. We couldn't be prouder of your efforts and accomplishments. May faith and hard work bring you success in the future.
Love, Mom, Mike, and Dan



Mallory McCoy



Mal - Congratulations! We are all proud of you and may your life be blessed as you have blessed your family. Remember a smile never grows old. We cannot direct the wind but we can adjust our sails.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Bret, Chase,
Connor, and Clayton



Colophon

By Allie Jocson

It was a bright, sunny morning in July. Sitting outside of U-High's doors were six students waiting to load onto the red ISU van for an adventure that would turn into something extraordinary. Actually, that's not true. Yes, it was sunny but those six students were really heading to Indiana University for a week-long journalism program. Not exactly the type of adventure most dream of during a summer vacation.

Throughout this wonderful week of dorm life, we met obnoxious instructors, snobby southern high school students, and a lot of homeless men. The classes were boring, the food wasn't that great, yet we miraculously stumbled upon our yearbook theme and layouts.

The idea that *everything* is affected by change was something I wanted to portray to the students of U-High. In order to do such a thing, I had to change *everything* about the way the Clarion had always been designed.

Despite the fact that we were at "yearbook camp," our eyes were opened up to new ideas. We had the freedom to experiment with different design layouts and set goals for the upcoming year.

My sub-editors went from knowing nothing about yearbook design to becoming one of the most crucial parts of this yearbook.

School began and we had around fifty students at the first yearbook club meeting. My sub-editors and I started to get excited and things were going great. In the back of my mind, I kept thinking about how I've seen this motivation and excitement die a slow and painful death. I looked for little signs in my staff. Stress? Sure. Tension? Of course. Crying? Never.

We paced ourselves and stayed every Tuesday and Thursday working on layouts and scanning pictures on a horrid negative scanner.

The origins of our negative scanner is a funny story, actually. When it first arrived, we were so excited to be able to scan our own pictures without developing. Then reality kicked in. The images were blurry and there were at least a trillion little dust spots on each image.

Soon I became best friends with Adobe Photoshop and by the end of the year I would beg Mr. Conant to get the pictures professionally developed. We

were trying to take the easy way out when, in reality, we were causing more work for ourselves.

It started to get a little more stressful around the New Year. I suddenly realized that we only had about two months until the final deadline. I'm not the type of person to show my stress by yelling or crying, never crying, but I began to get this overpowering feeling that while Mr. Conant was researching the slow and painful death of lobsters on the Internet, I was suffocating underneath page deadlines.

It was the help of most yearbook club members that played a crucial role on the publication of the 2005 Clarion. Page designers such as Rustin Fakheri and Dan Kaufman often helped on the computers. Writers such as Erica Rohren, Alyssa Solava, Melissa Shanahan and Rachel Solava were lifesavers when it came to deadlines.

Assistant editors Chelcei Fischer and Lisa English displayed great patience while helping me with my designs. They learned a great deal while watching this yearbook come together and I know they will do a great job next year.

My support system and right hand "women" were, Catherine Anhalt and Sarah Hall. They went from knowing nothing about design, to knowing more than I do. They didn't care that I was a perfectionist and they kept our friendships separated from our work.

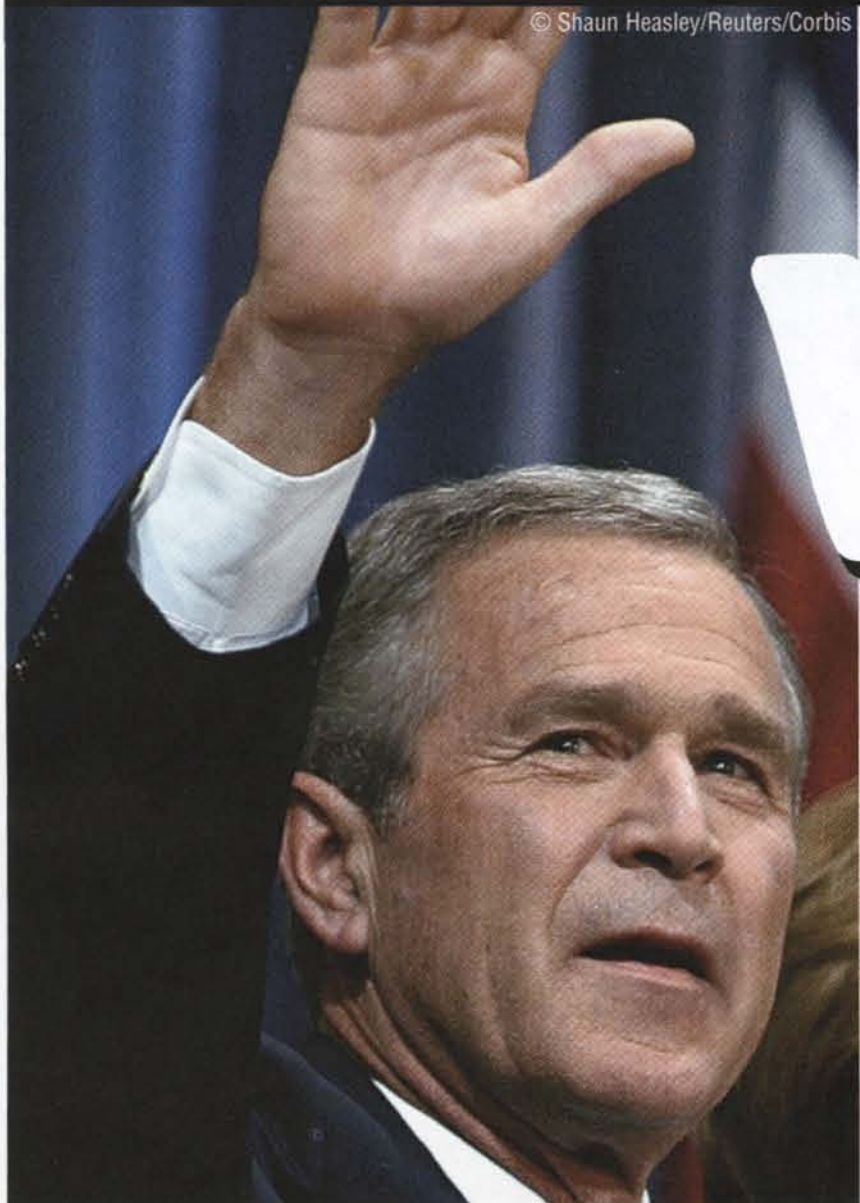
Mr. Conant, although annoying, was not *that* weird. He is also a reason why this book is such a success. His willingness to sacrifice his time, money and sanity is something that not many full-time teachers could give.

At the beginning of the year, he claimed that this yearbook wouldn't get finished until I hated him and until someone cried. Well, it's finished and neither happened. I hope that he saw something different in me and my staff and that he can look back at this yearbook and feel proud.

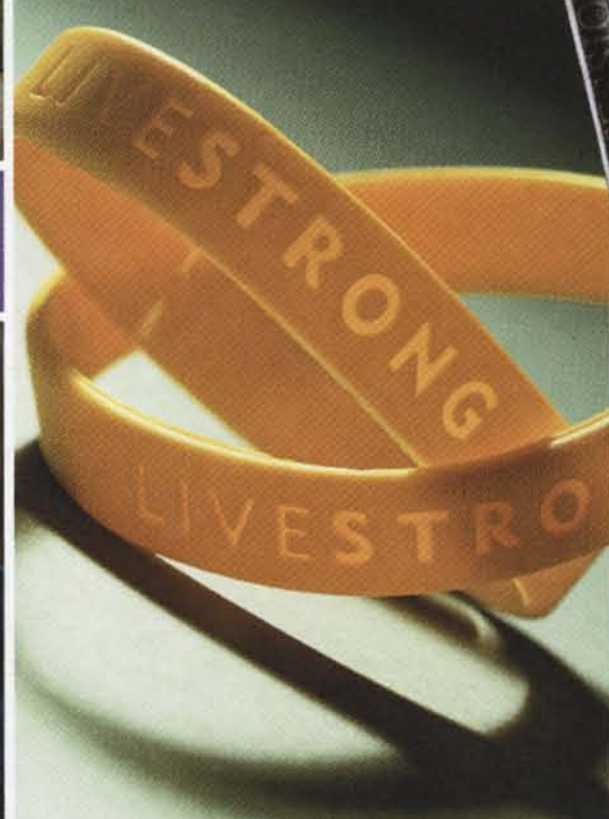
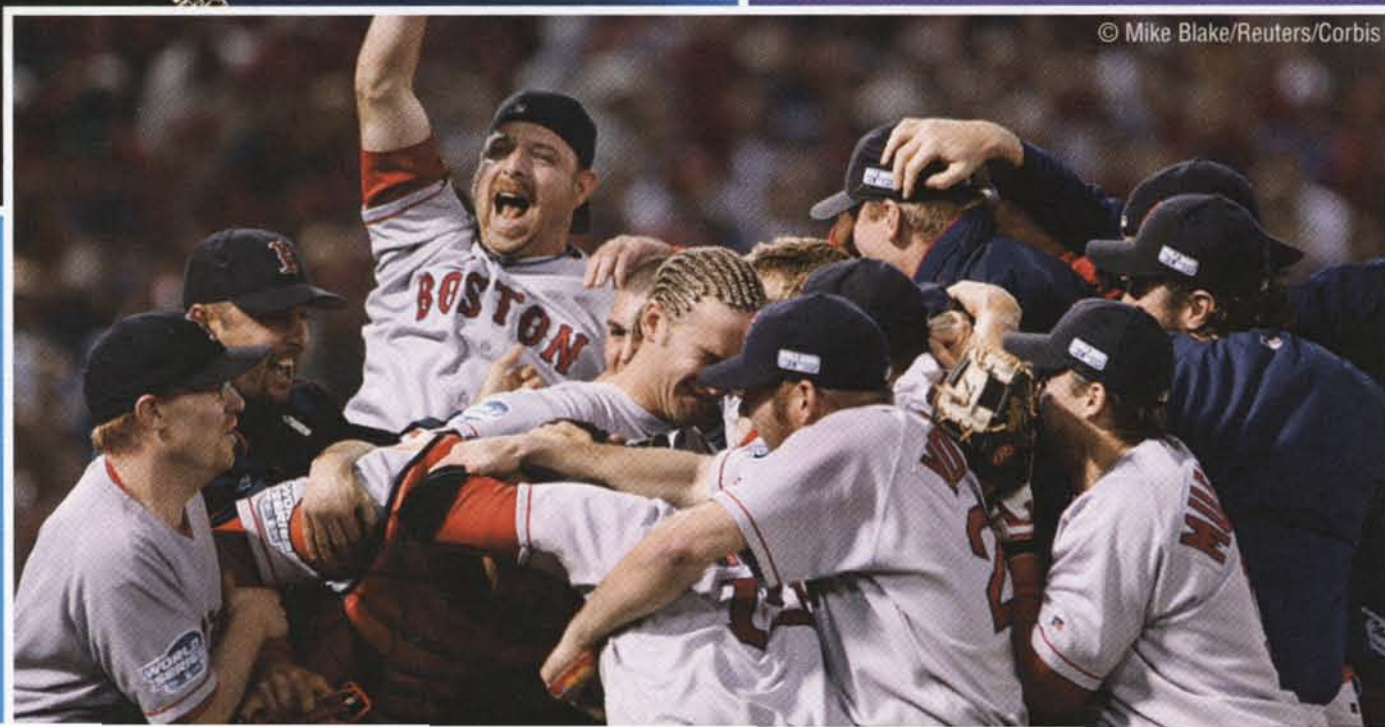
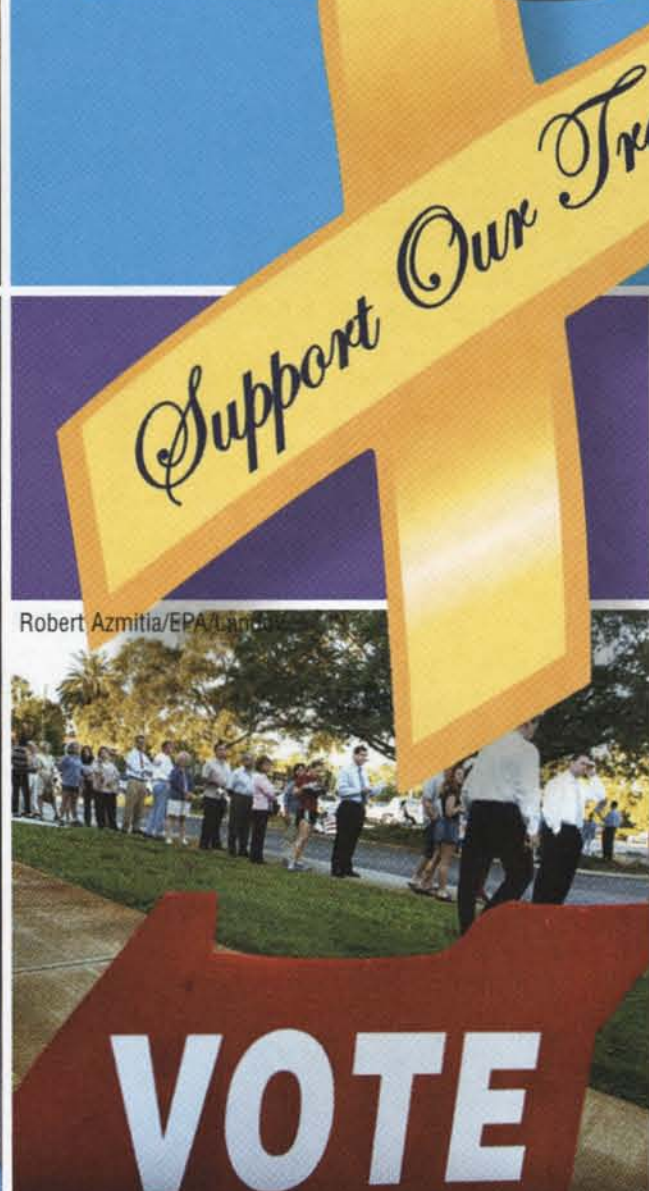
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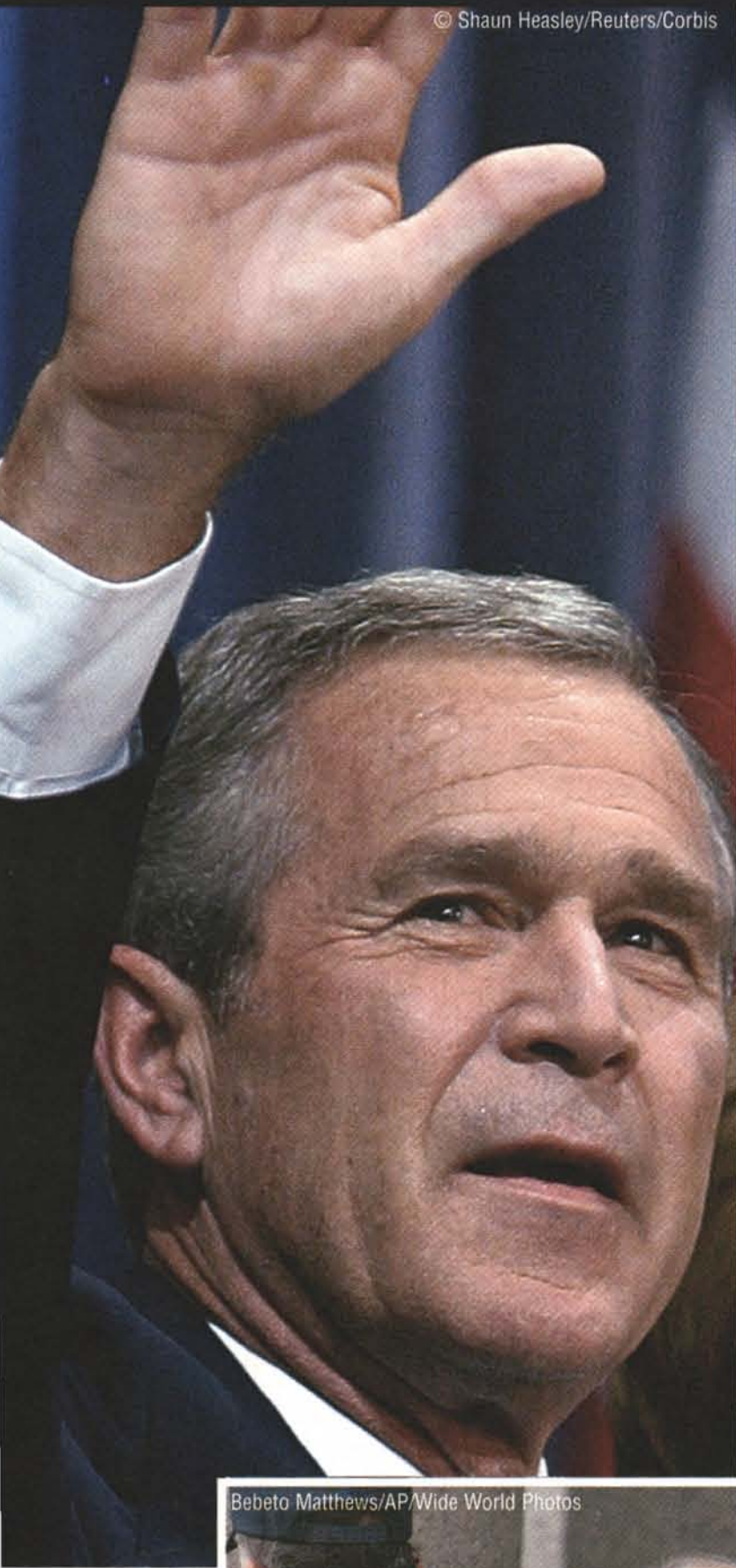
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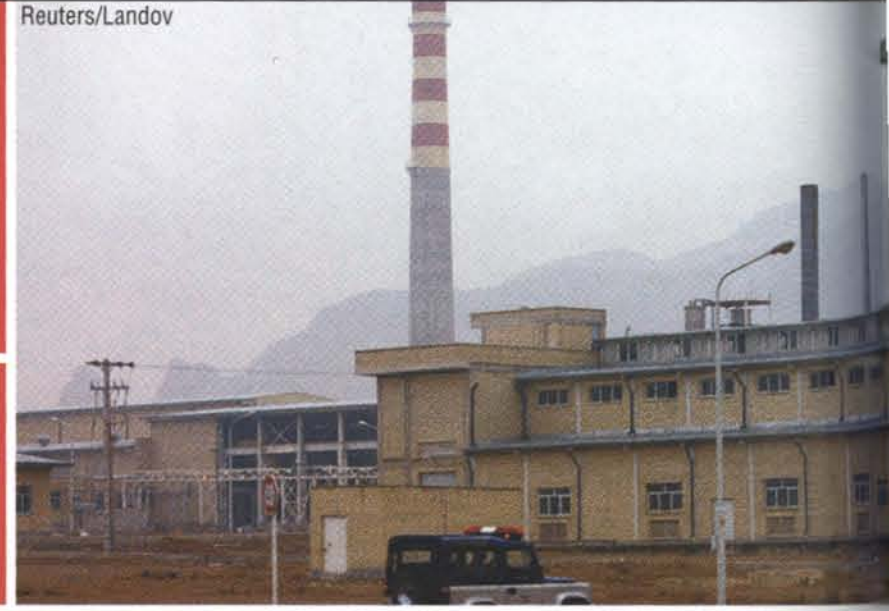


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➤ Republican incumbent George W. Bush narrowly defeats Democratic challenger John Kerry in the hotly contested 2004 presidential election.

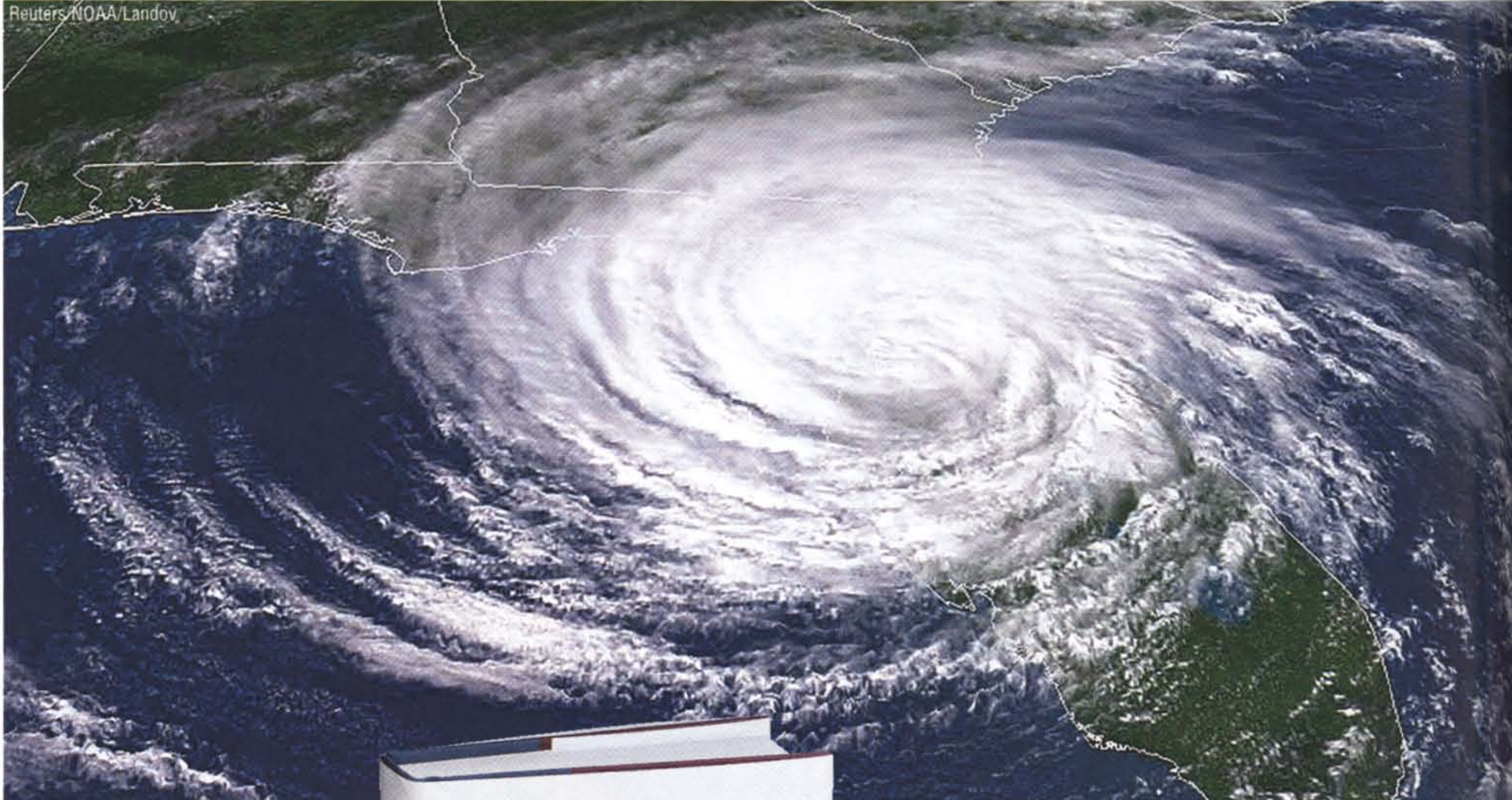
➤ Despite assurances that its nuclear program intentions are peaceful, Iran voluntarily suspends its uranium enrichment activities in the face of protests from NATO and the U.S.

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➤ Five hurricanes hit the Caribbean Sea, Florida and the southeastern U.S. coast in the fall of 2004, causing \$25 billion in damages.

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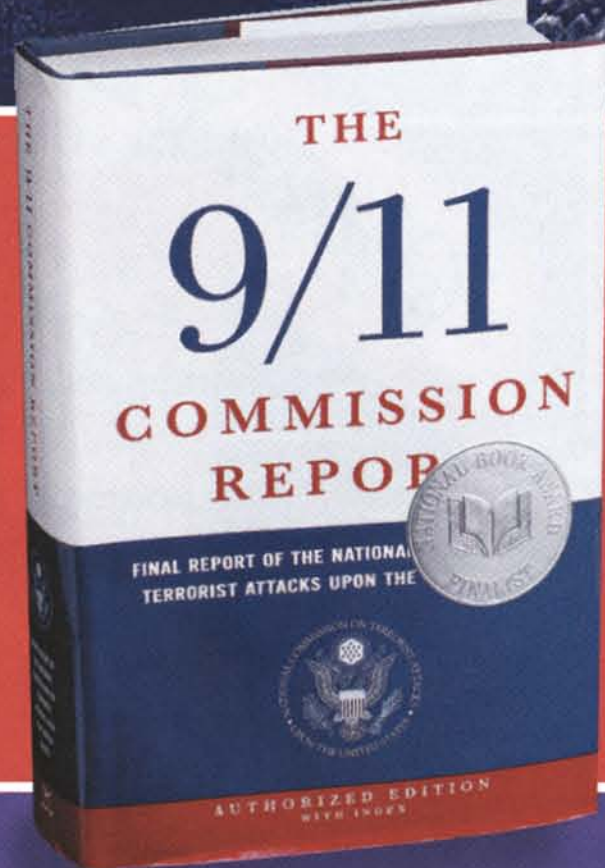


➤ Lifestyle guru Martha Stewart begins serving a five-month jail sentence in West Virginia, after being found guilty of lying about a suspicious stock sale.

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➤ Ronald Wilson Reagan, 40th president of the United States, dies in June at the age of 93.



➤ In July, the Bipartisan 9/11 Commission releases its report of circumstances surrounding the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

➤ Strong partisan division over issues at stake throughout the 2004 presidential campaign results in record turnout of voters under 21.

➤ In November, Minnesotan Chai Vang allegedly shoots and kills six hunters and wounds two others after he is caught trespassing on a hunting platform in Wisconsin.

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Tom Ridge leaves his position as secretary of homeland security.



Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson resigns.



Secretary of State Colin Powell steps down.

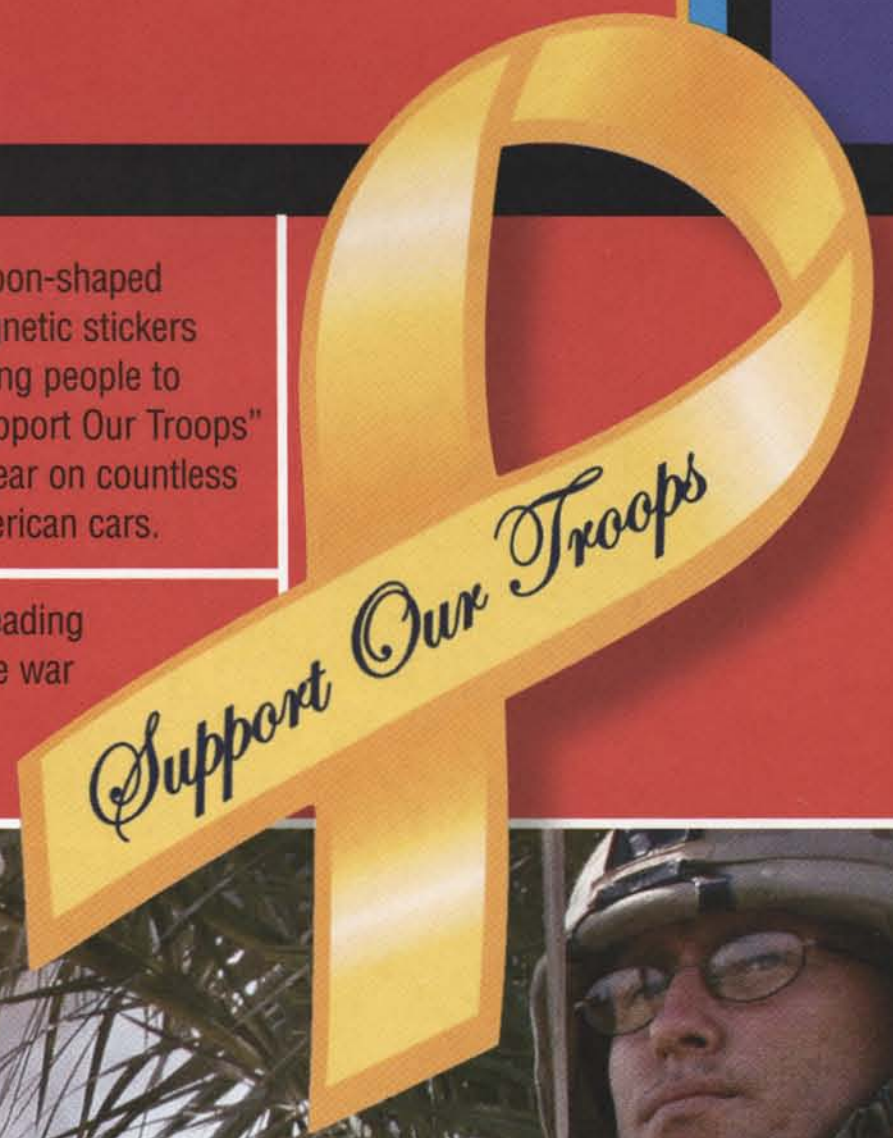


Attorney General John Ashcroft relinquishes his cabinet post.

➔ Ribbon-shaped magnetic stickers urging people to "Support Our Troops" appear on countless American cars.

⌚ National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice makes history as the first black female to become secretary of state when she succeeds Colin Powell.

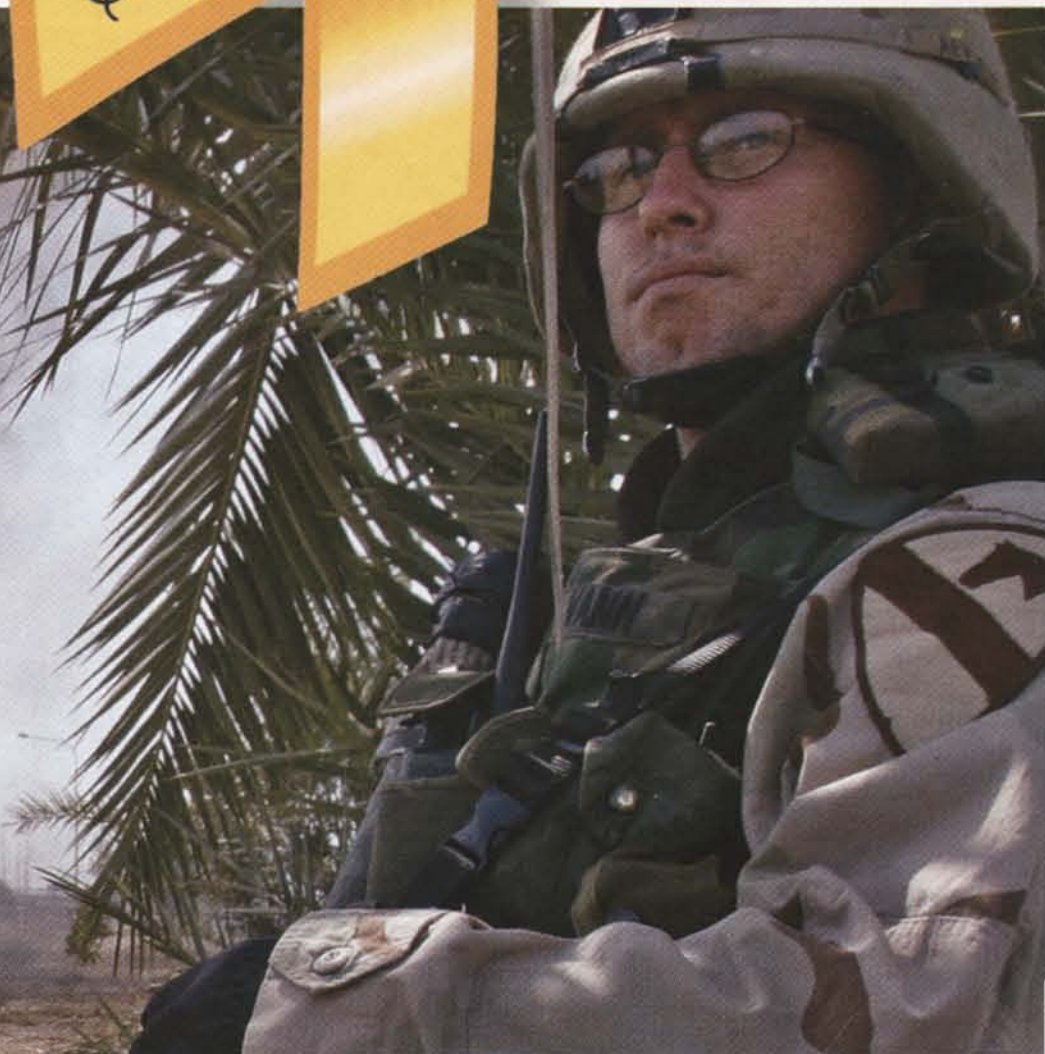
⌚ Coalition troops face a persistent terrorist insurgency leading up to the Iraq presidential election in January 2005. The war costs the lives of over 1,400 coalition troops, as well as over 14,000 Iraqi civilians.



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⌚ In the trial of the year, California jurors find Scott Peterson guilty of the first-degree murder of his pregnant wife, Laci, and second-degree murder of their unborn son.

⌚ In response to the investigation by the Bipartisan 9/11 Commission, the U.S. Senate passes the National Intelligence Reform Act.



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⌚ More than 220,000 lives are lost after a massive earthquake in December off Indonesia's coast causes a tsunami that smashes coastlines in Southern Asia and as far away as Somalia.

⌚ The Center for Disease Control's Youth Risk Behavior Survey finds 6.1 percent of teenagers surveyed have tried steroids as compared to 2.7 percent in 1991.



global



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☛ PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, 75, dies in a Paris hospital. Palestinians view him as a leader who sought a homeland for his people, but many Israelis see Arafat as a ruthless terrorist.

☛ In October, more than 10 million Afghan men and women vote in the country's first presidential election — a milestone in the country's transformation after 25 years of war and Taliban control.

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☛ At 885 feet the new Millau bridge in southern France is the tallest bridge in the world.



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AIDS

Preventing HIV/AIDS is Everyone's Responsibility



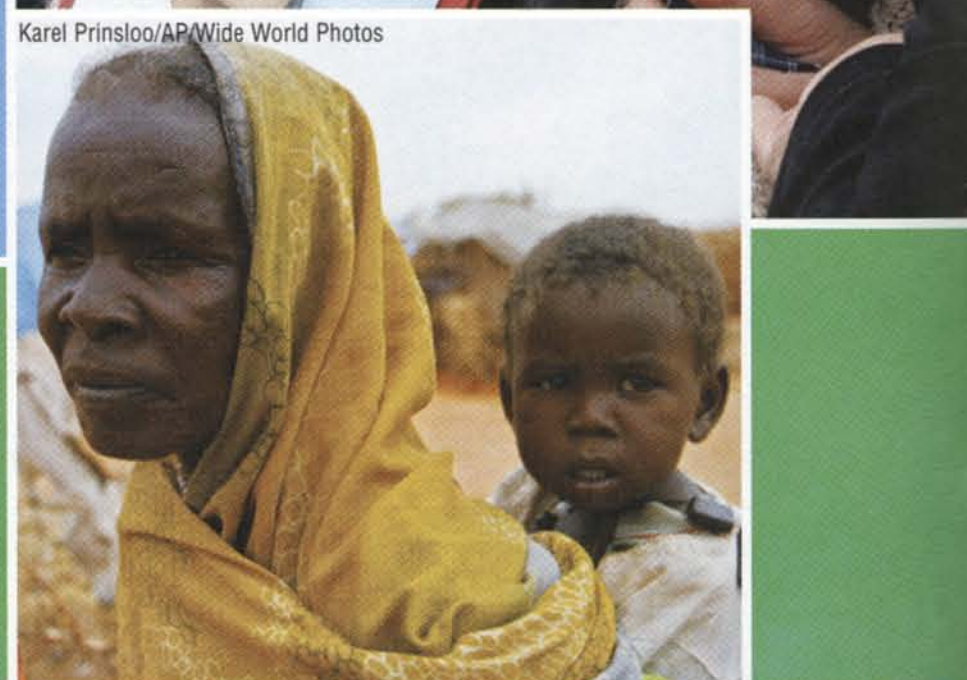
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☛ The United Nations reports the AIDS epidemic is growing in Africa and worsening dramatically across eastern Europe and Asia.

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☛ After more than a year of ceasefire, civil war re-ignites in the Ivory Coast as a result of President Gbagbo's ordering air strikes on rebel positions.

☛ The Ukrainian Supreme Court invalidates that country's disputed presidential election because of vote tampering. In the revote, pro-West opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko claims victory.

☛ In September, Chechen rebels kill more than 430 people in a series of terrorist attacks in Russia, including the bloody attack on an elementary schoolhouse.

☛ After 22 months, the conflict in the Darfur region of Sudan continues to grow, leaving more than 2.3 million Africans in need of humanitarian aid.

human interest

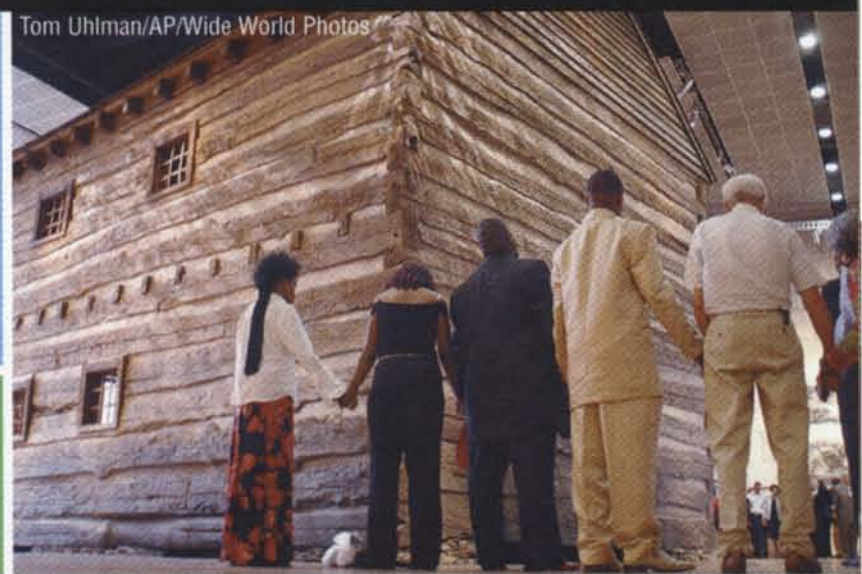
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➤ Due to manufacturing errors, the United States faces a flu vaccine shortage. The U.S. Department of Health reserves vaccinations for those most at risk — people over 65 and infants six to 23 months of age.

➤ In August, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center opens in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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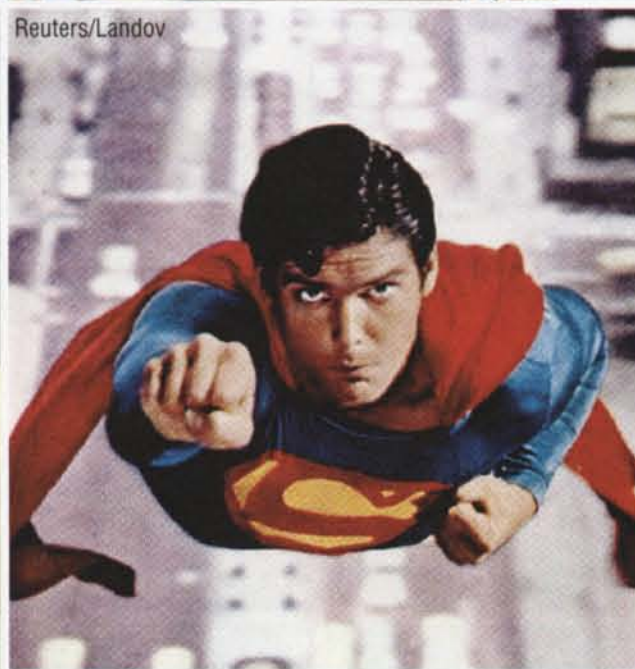


⬇ Countries and individuals around the world join together to pledge over \$4 billion in relief for those devastated by the December tsunami disaster.

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⬆ Christopher Reeve dies at age 52. Reeve is remembered for his movie role as Superman and as an advocate for spinal cord research after being paralyzed in an accident in 1995.

➤ According to the Lance Armstrong Foundation, over 20 million people are wearing the yellow "Livestrong" wristbands that help fund and promote the organization's cancer research.

➤ In September, Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates announces a \$168 million donation to fund malaria research.

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Brad Loper/Dallas Morning News/Corbis



⬆ The National World War II Memorial is unveiled in Washington, D.C., in honor of the millions of Americans who served during World War II in the military and on the home front.

➤ A prolonged deployment of over 200,000 U.S. troops to Iraq leaves many families struggling at home.

science-techno



Portable photo printers that do not require a computer are a hot item for digital camera owners.

Hong Kong-based toymaker Wow Wee Ltd. sells 1.5 million Robosapiens since the toy's introduction in April. Among other "talents," the \$100 robot can belch and pass gas on command.

The Food and Drug Administration links the use of antidepressants such as Zoloft, Paxil and Prozac to suicidal behavior in teens.

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SpaceShipOne, the world's first privately developed spacecraft, is named "2004 Invention of the Year" by *Time* magazine.

Apple's iPod is the year's hottest tech gadget, fashion accessory and advertising personality, all in one credit-card-size package.

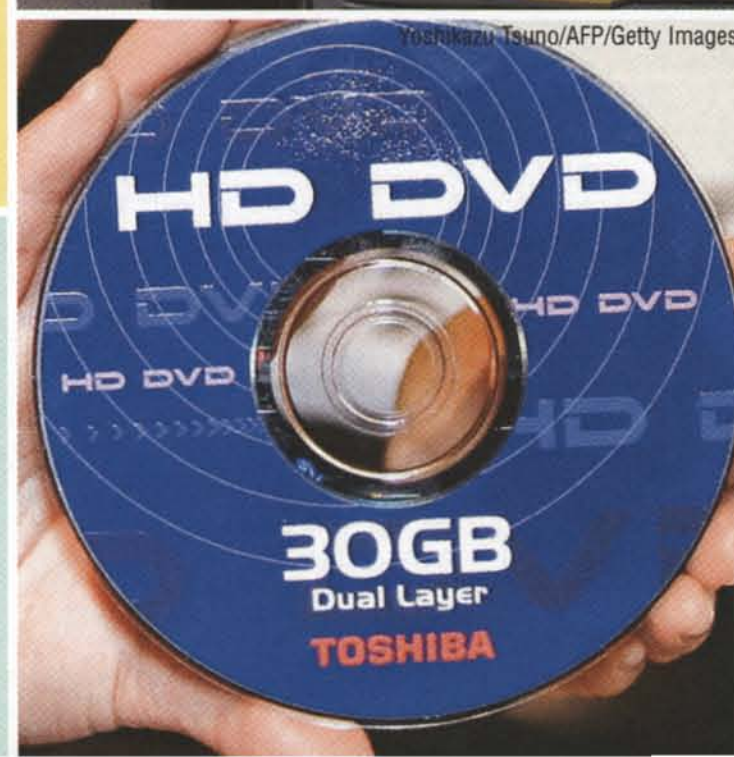


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After four years on the market and billions of dollars in revenue, pharmaceutical company Merck recalls the arthritis drug Vioxx due to increased risk for cardiovascular disease.

General Motors releases the industry's first full-size gas-electric hybrid pickup truck, the Chevrolet Silverado.

Toshiba's HD DVD and Sony's Blu-ray battle for supremacy over the next generation of DVD technology. Major movie studios are evenly divided in their backing of the two technologies.



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Amy Lane

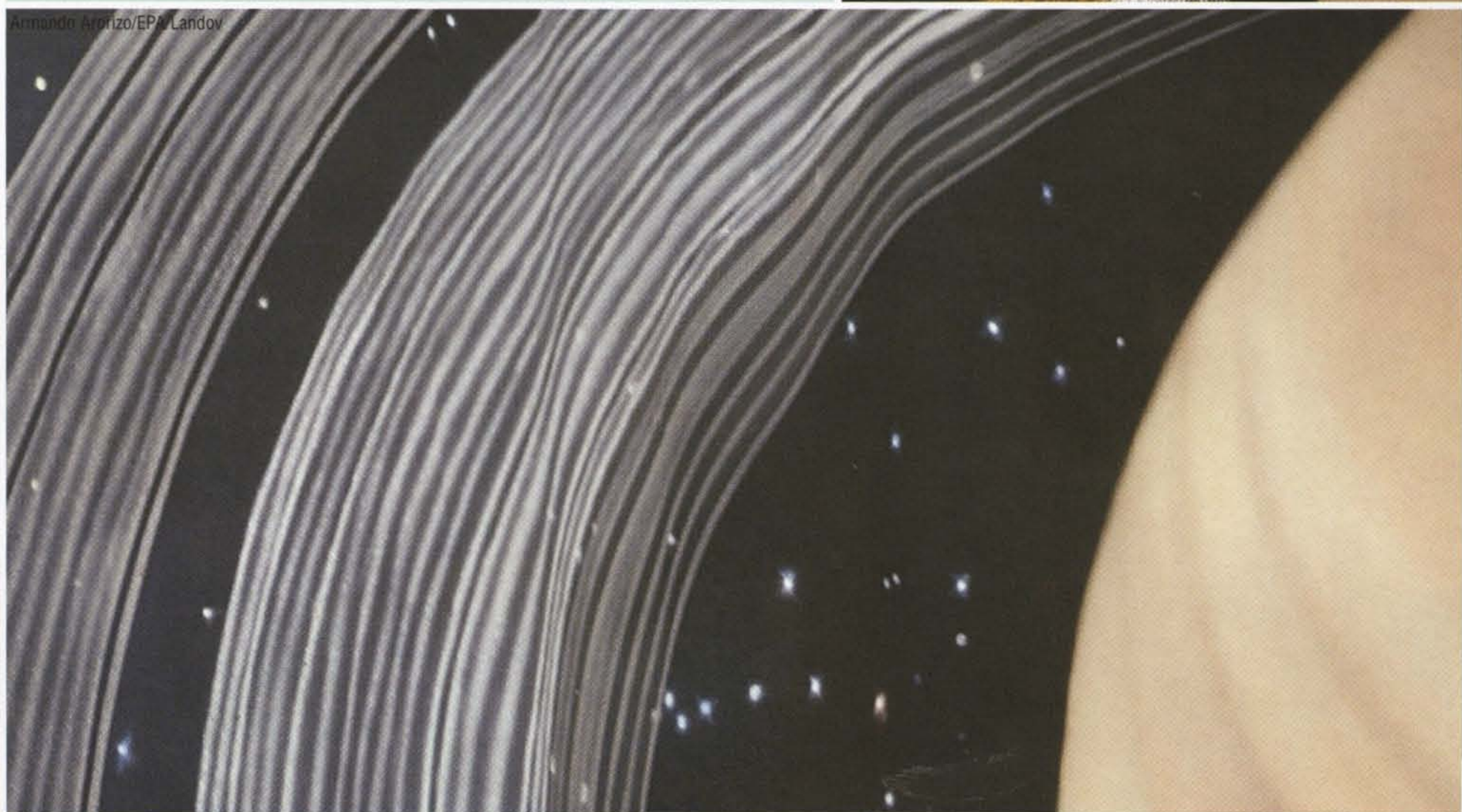
➤ Designer dog breeds like the “Goldendoodle,” an allergy-friendly cross between a golden retriever and a poodle, are in high demand.

➔ African lions join the endangered species list because they are being killed to protect domestic livestock and their habitats are being destroyed.



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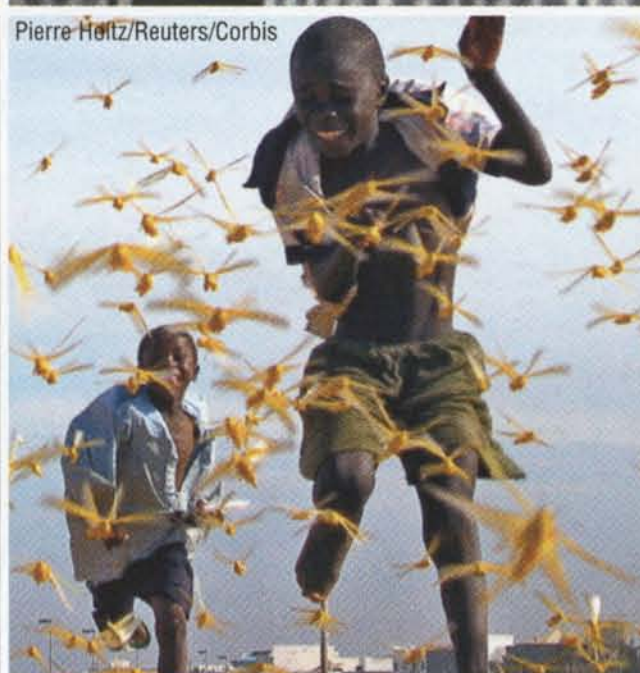
⬇ Although Saturn’s rings look solid from Earth, images taken by the international Cassini spacecraft show they are more like rivers of dust and ice, with particles ranging in size from specks to mountains.



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Pierre Holtz/Reuters/Corbis

⬇ Swarms of locusts destroy millions of acres of crops in West Africa.

➤ In September, astronomers announce the discovery in the Milky Way galaxy of a new and possibly abundant class of planets.

➤ On a remote island in Indonesia, scientists find 18,000-year-old skeletons of a hobbit-like human species that grew no larger than today’s average three-year-old child.



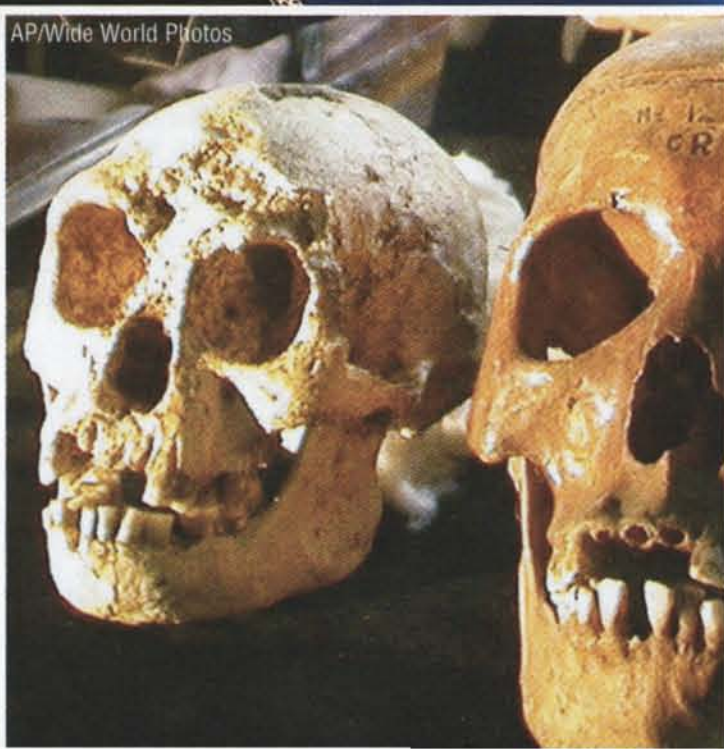
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⬇ In October, Mount St. Helens vents ash and steam for the first time since its major eruption in 1980.

➤ Threatened by the spread of hormone-disrupting chemicals and global warming, polar bears are added to the endangered species list.



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trends



Retro brooches are back



Ugg knockoffs are popular



Squish pillows are a "must-have"



Pink is the hot new color

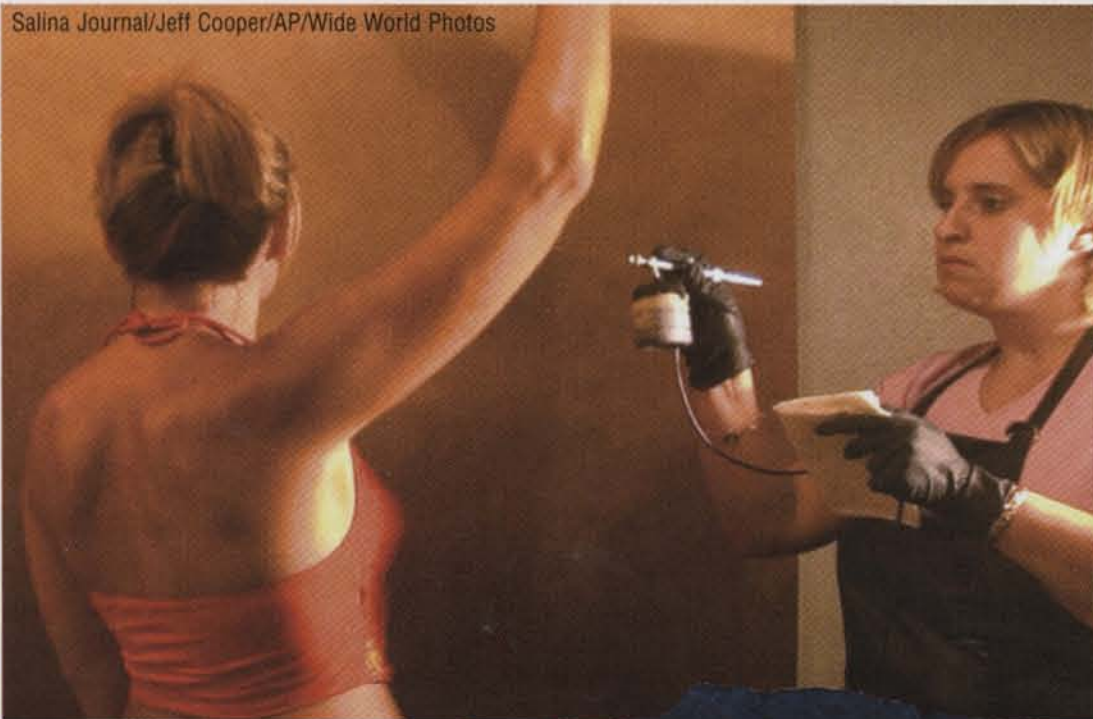


Knitted ponchos are fall's hottest new fashion trend, gracing the shoulders of your classmates and your favorite celebrities.

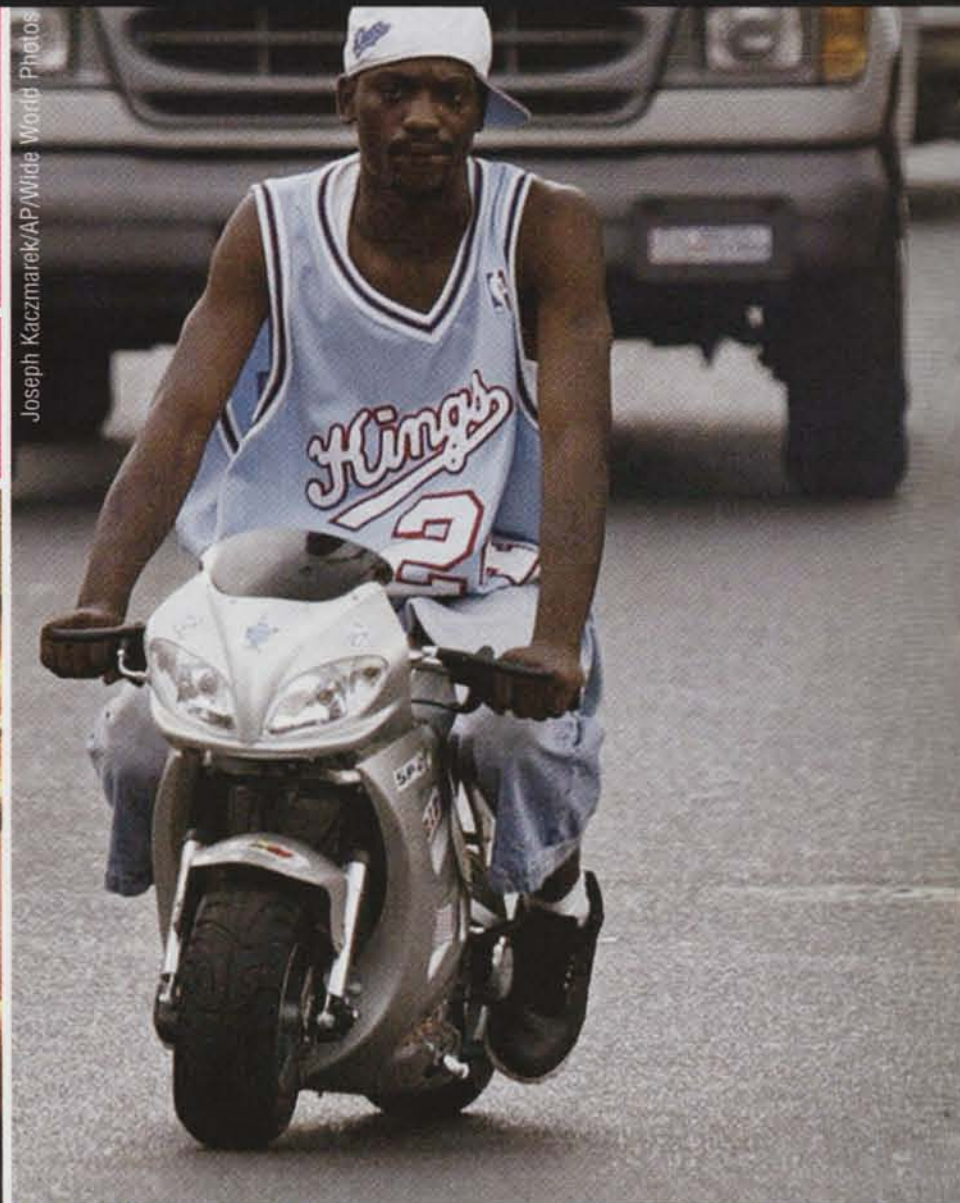
Pocket bikes top holiday wish lists despite safety warnings that they are not toys.

Airbrush tans, capable of lasting five to 14 days, provide a fashionable and safer alternative to harmful ultra-violet rays.

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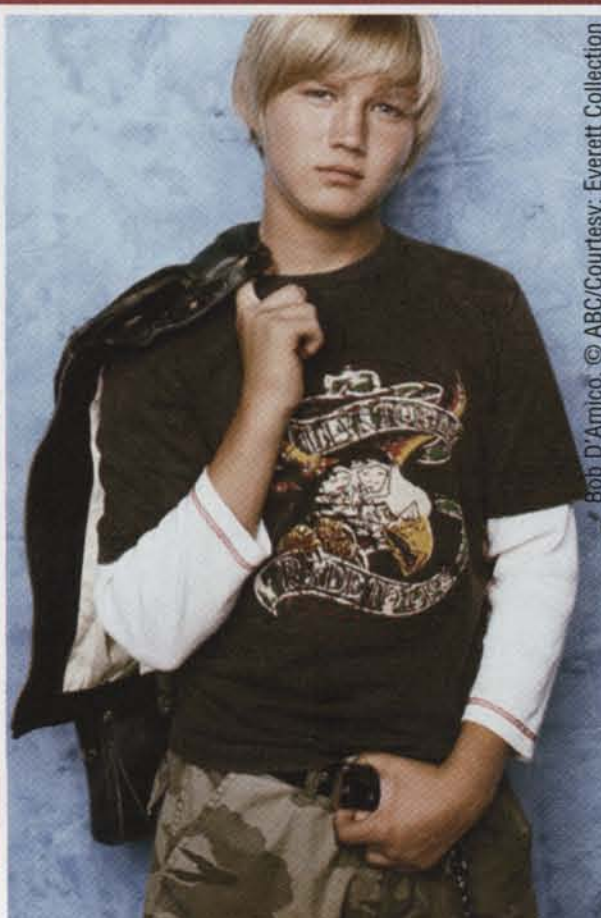
Italian link charm bracelets become the biggest jewelry trend of the year.



Whether genuine or ordered new from a custom T-shirt store on the Web, vintage '80s iron-on T-shirts are a hot fashion commodity.

Catch phrases used to encourage people to get out and vote become a fashionable cause, appearing on everything from T-shirts to ties.

Thanks to the popular movie *Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story*, the high-flying, body-bashing sport makes its way back into gymnasiums across the country.

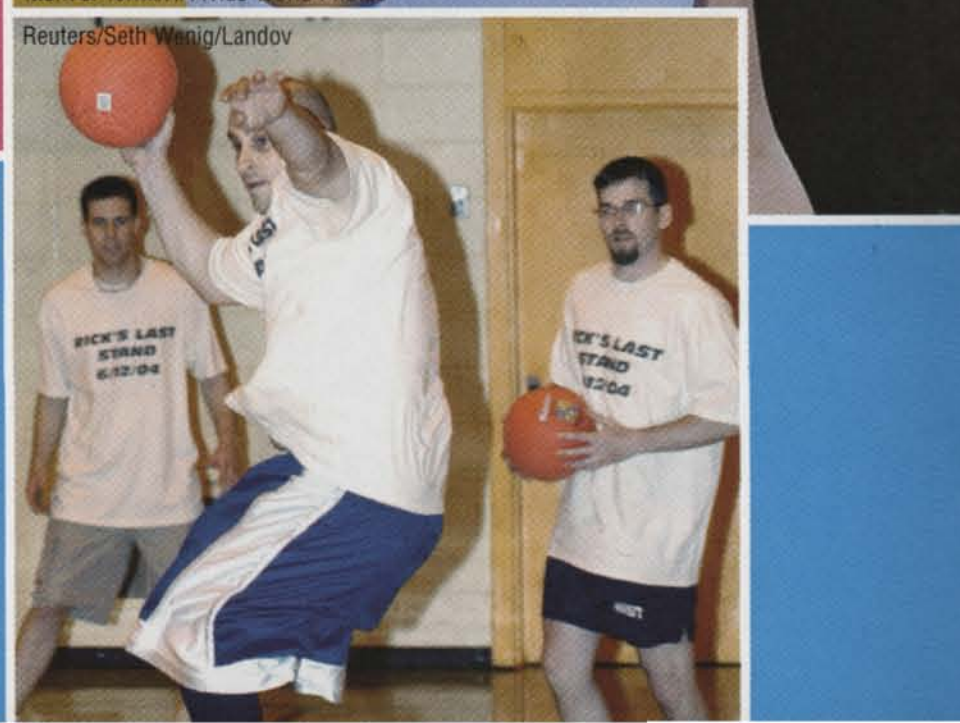


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The "grunge" style of the early '90s resurfaces with camouflage patterns and T-shirts with long-sleeve shirts underneath.



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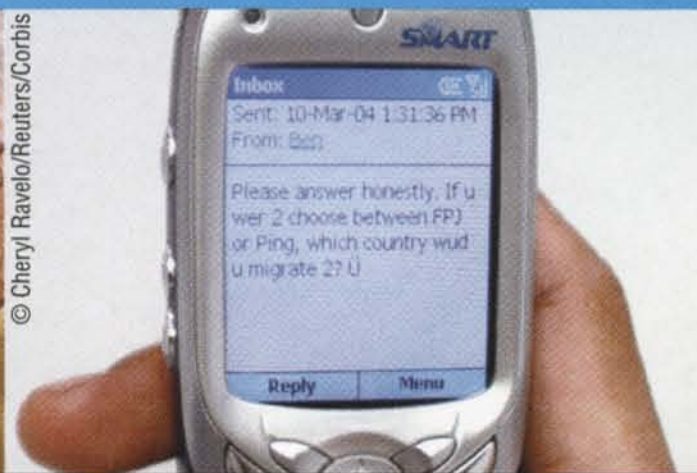
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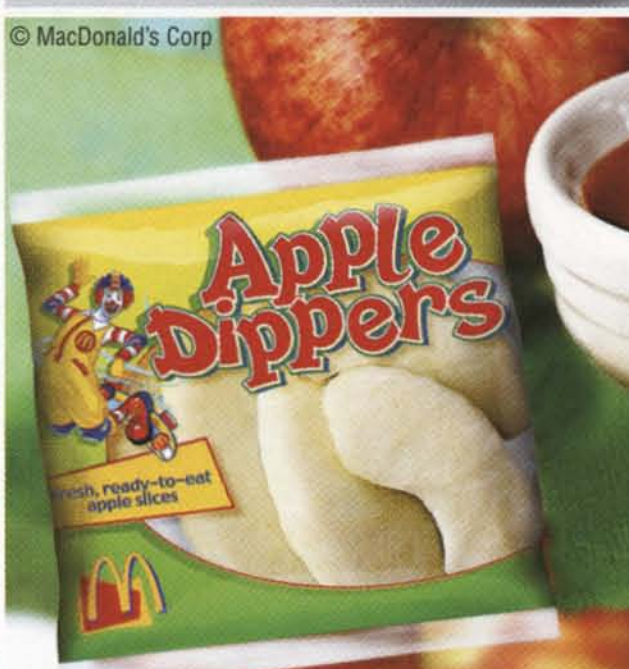
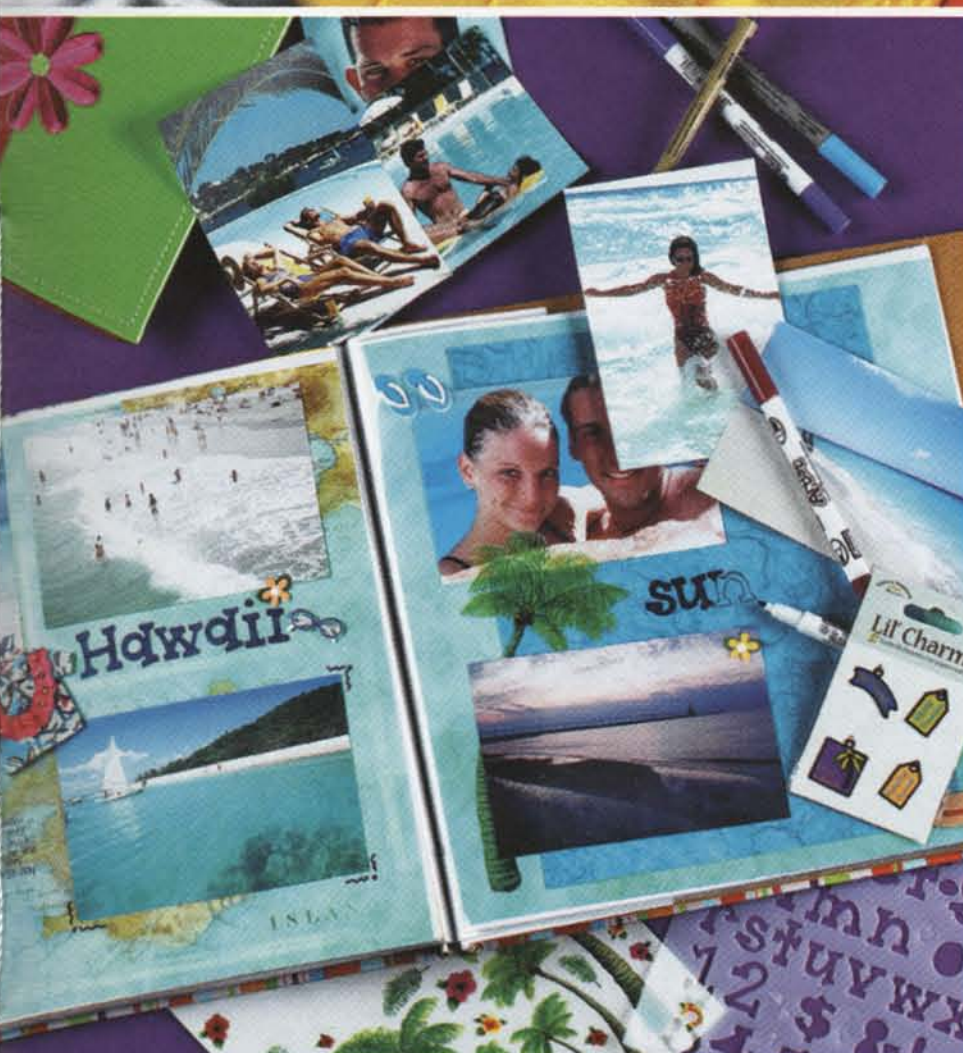
Online gaming



Soft-drink makers join the diet bandwagon with low-carb sodas like Coca-Cola C2 and Pepsi Edge. Sales of the new products, however, quickly go flat.

With more than 7 million participants, paintball is the third most popular extreme sport, behind in-line skating and skateboarding.

Muscle cars like the revamped Ford Mustang GT regain their presence on American roads.



Fast-food restaurants offer kids' meals with healthy alternatives to fries and soda, including apples and milk.

The scrapbooking craze reaches new heights with more people wanting to capture their memories in creative ways.

With DVDs delivered right to your door and no late fees, Netflix and Blockbuster Online become popular choices for movie rentals.



Bucking the health trend, Hardee's serves up a Monster Thickburger with 1,420 calories and 107 grams of fat.

Events like the All Girl Skate Jam, founded in 1997, bring skateboarding to peak popularity among young girls.



movies



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Napoleon Dynamite



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Star Wars: Episode III—Revenge of the Sith



National Treasure



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The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie



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Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet garner Golden Globe nominations for *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, which also earns a nod for Best Picture, Musical or Comedy.

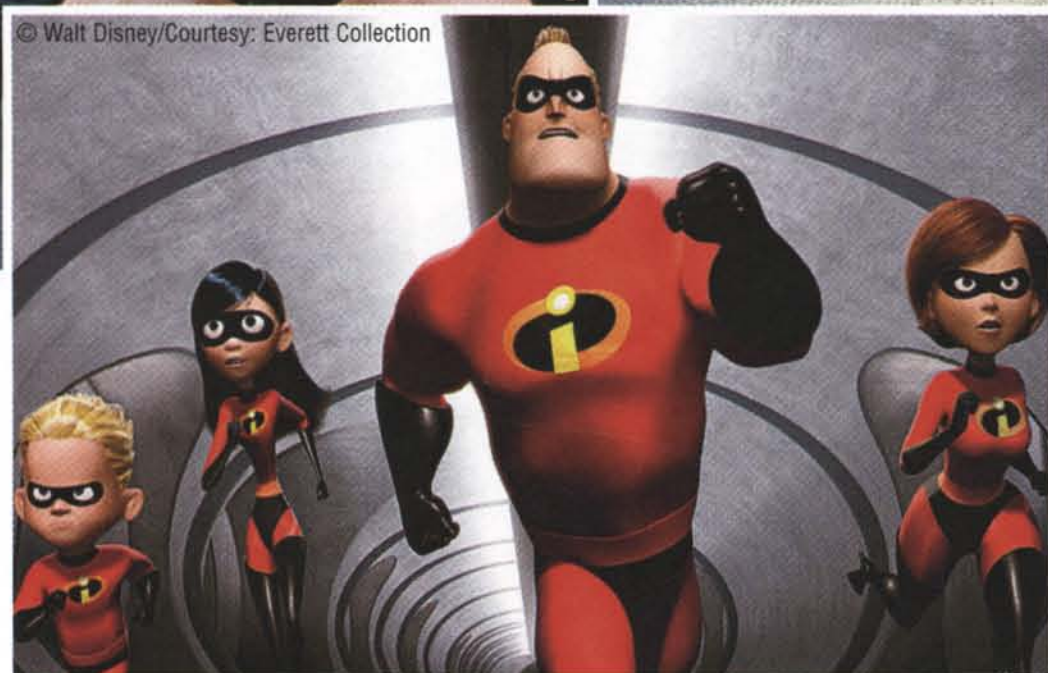
Johnny Depp scores his second straight Oscar nomination for Best Actor with his performance in *Finding Neverland*.

Shrek 2 ranks third on the list of the 100 top-grossing movies, with a total haul of just over \$436 million.

Photofest



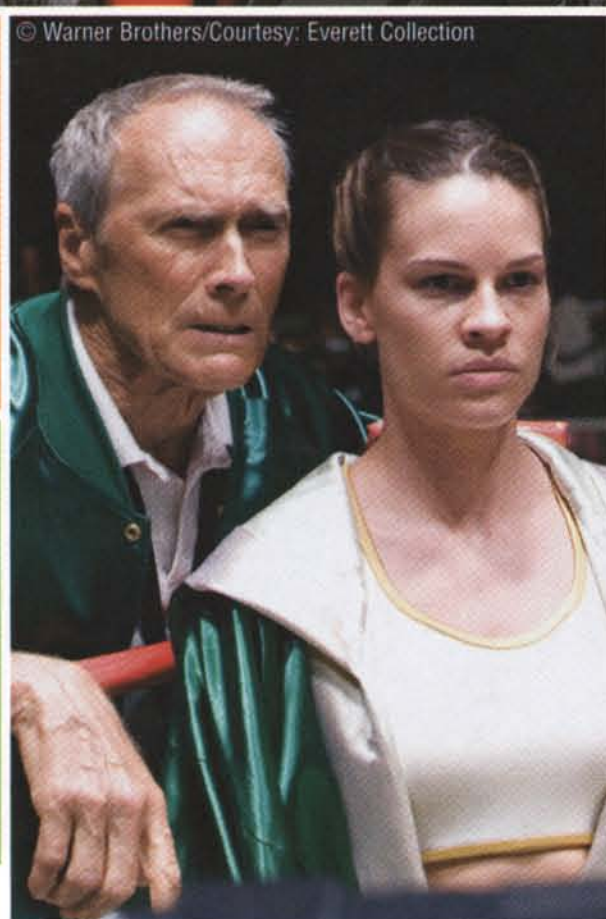
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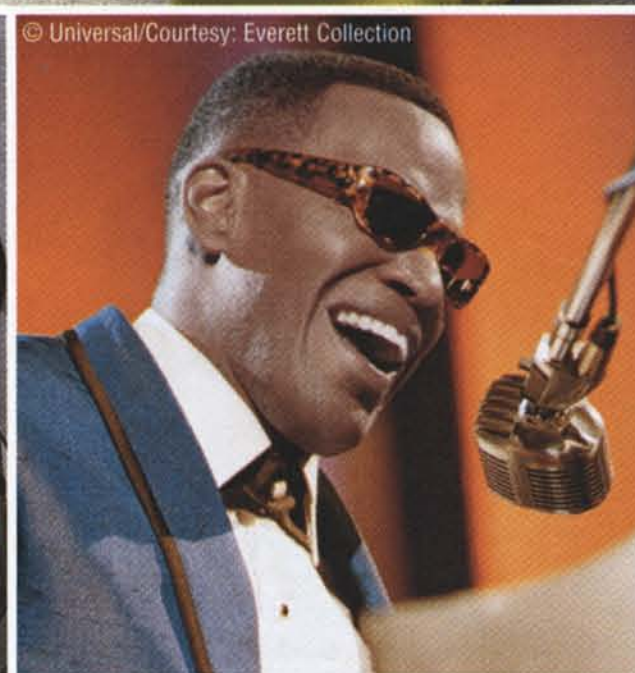
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The Incredibles, Pixar and Disney's movie about a superhero family trying to live a normal life in the suburbs, is a box-office smash.

Clint Eastwood directs another hit with *Million Dollar Baby*, starring Hilary Swank as a 31-year-old boxer.



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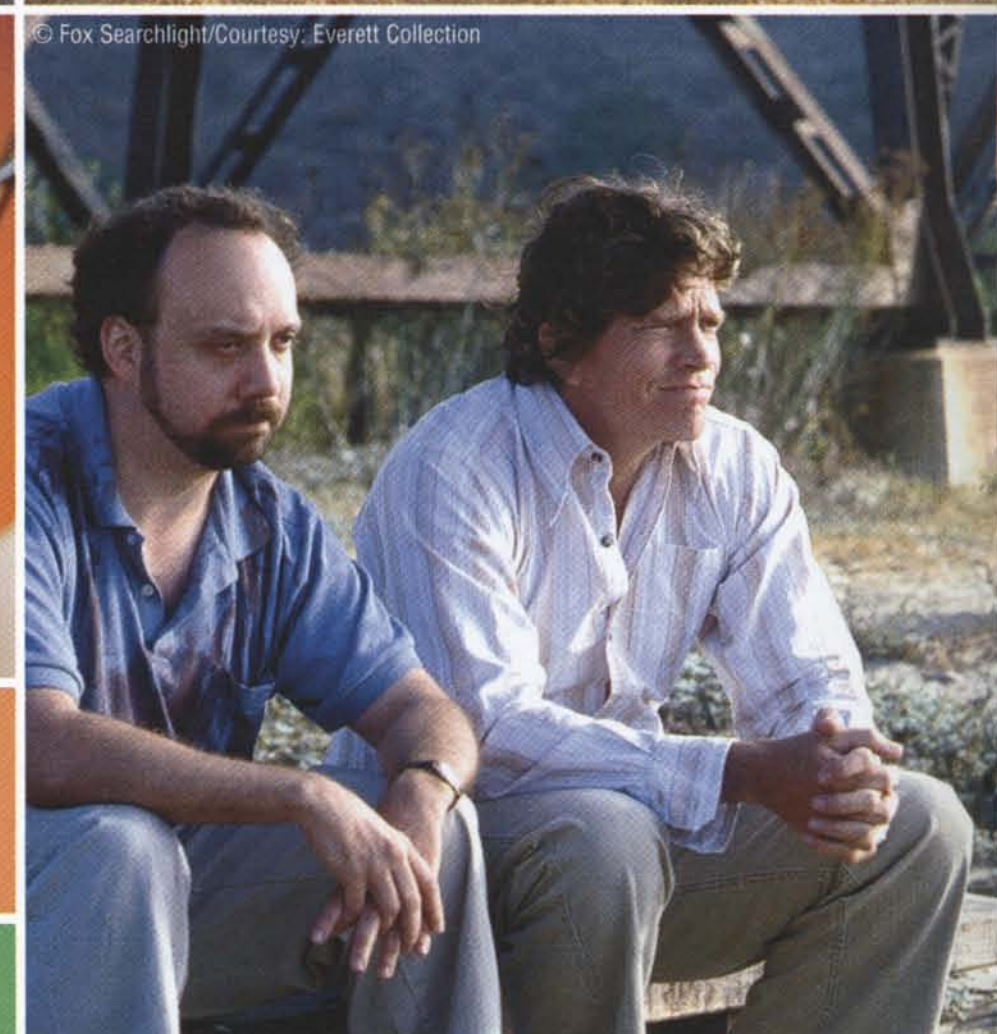


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Jamie Foxx delivers an eerily convincing and Oscar-nominated performance as the late Ray Charles in *Ray*.

Already named best picture by film critics from New York to Los Angeles, independent film *Sideways* finds even more celebrity with a leading seven Golden Globe nominations.

The Aviator, starring Leonardo DiCaprio in the role of eccentric billionaire Howard Hughes, earns eleven Oscar nominations.

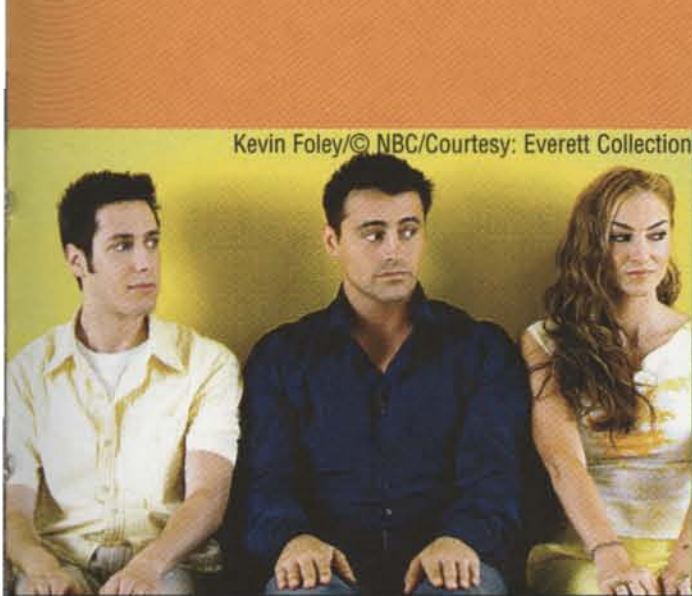


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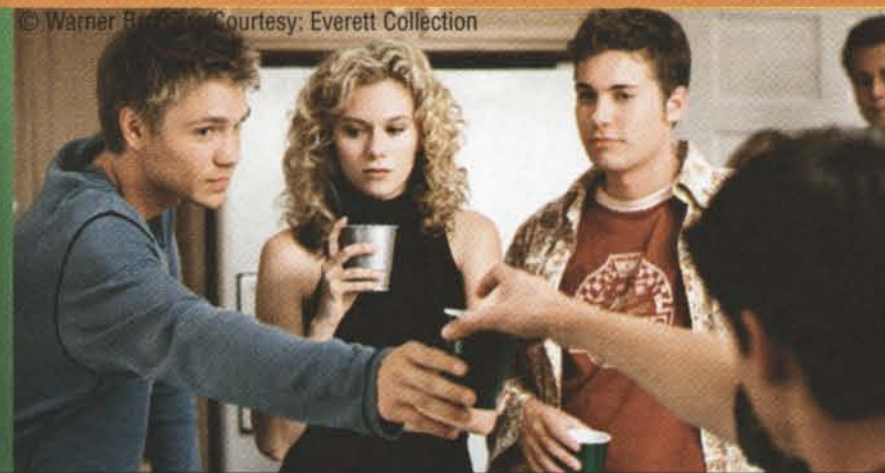
television



NBC's "Joey"



"Seinfeld" is released on DVD



The WB's "One Tree Hill"



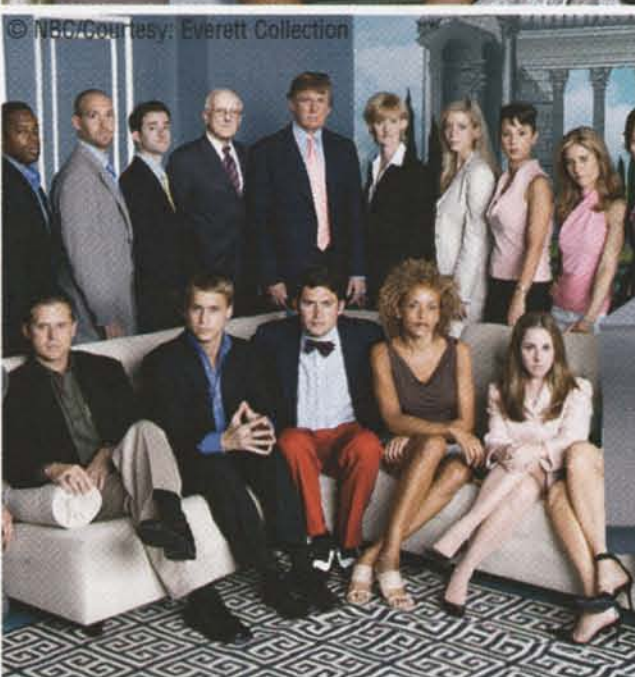
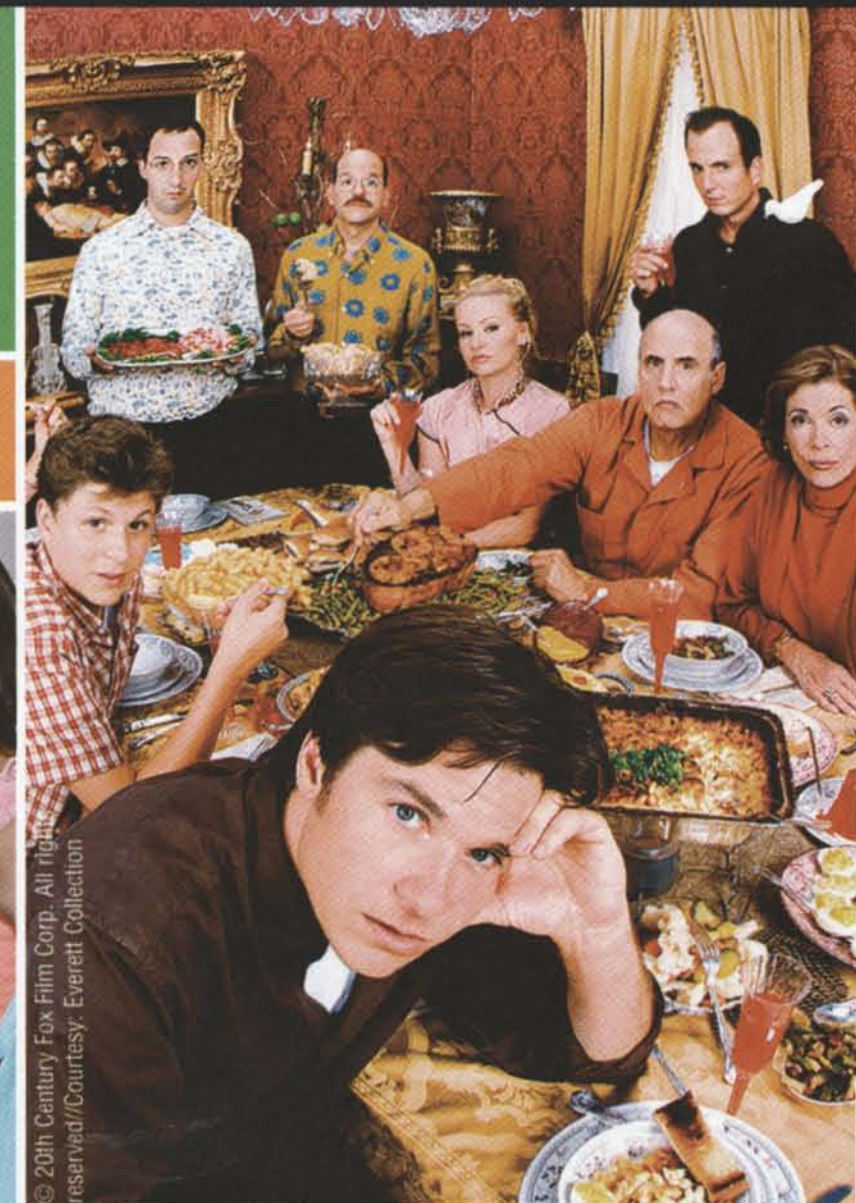
ABC's "Wife Swap"



➤ Ty Pennington and company improve lives while making homes better on the successful ABC home improvement show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

➤ Fox's "Arrested Development" wins the Emmy for Best Comedy Series after an inaugural year that is critically acclaimed but poorly rated.

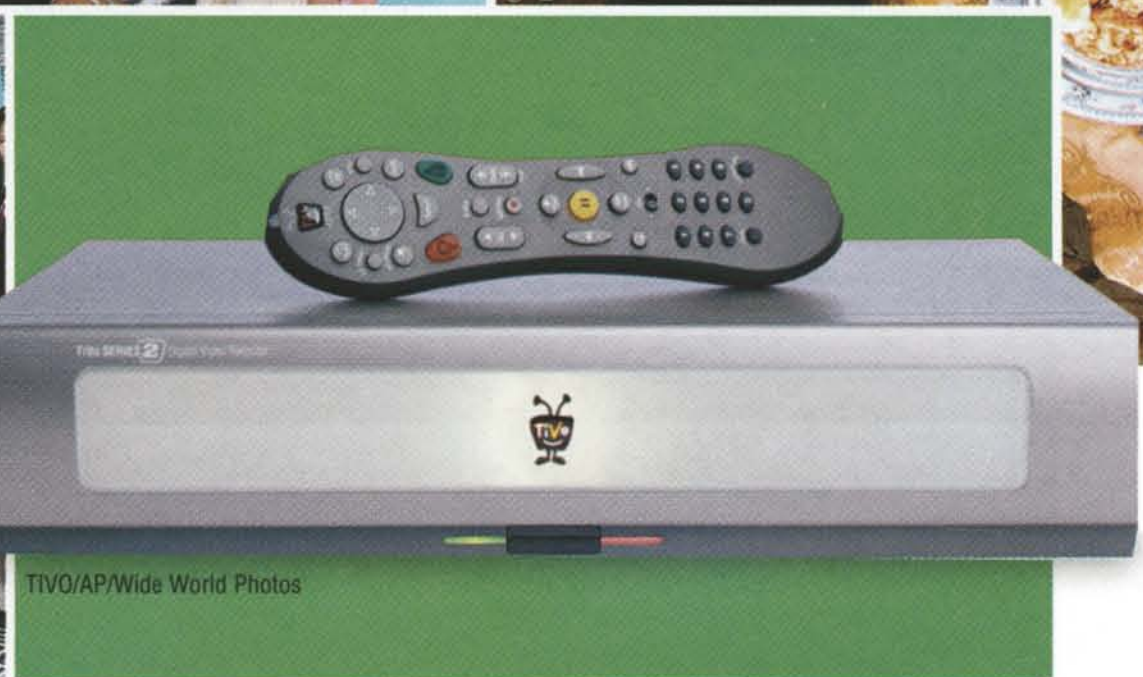
➤ Stephen, "Lo," Kristen and friends bring their real Orange County adventures to MTV in the hit reality show "Laguna Beach."



➤ "You're fired!" becomes a household phrase as Donald Trump plows through executive wannabes on his hit NBC show, "The Apprentice."

➤ ABC gets big ratings from its new hit drama "Lost," the intriguing story of 48 plane crash survivors stranded on an island.

➤ To kick off her 19th season of CBS's "The Oprah Winfrey Show," Oprah and Pontiac join forces to give each of the 276 audience members a brand new Pontiac G6.



➤ Pausing and recording live television with DVR is rapidly replacing VCRs in households across America.

➤ Before his unbelievable 74-game winning streak comes to an end, NBC's "Jeopardy" contestant Ken Jennings wins \$2,520,700 — a TV game show record. He delivers over 2,700 correct responses.

music



Destiny's Child reunites



Joss Stone



Julie Roberts



Green Day

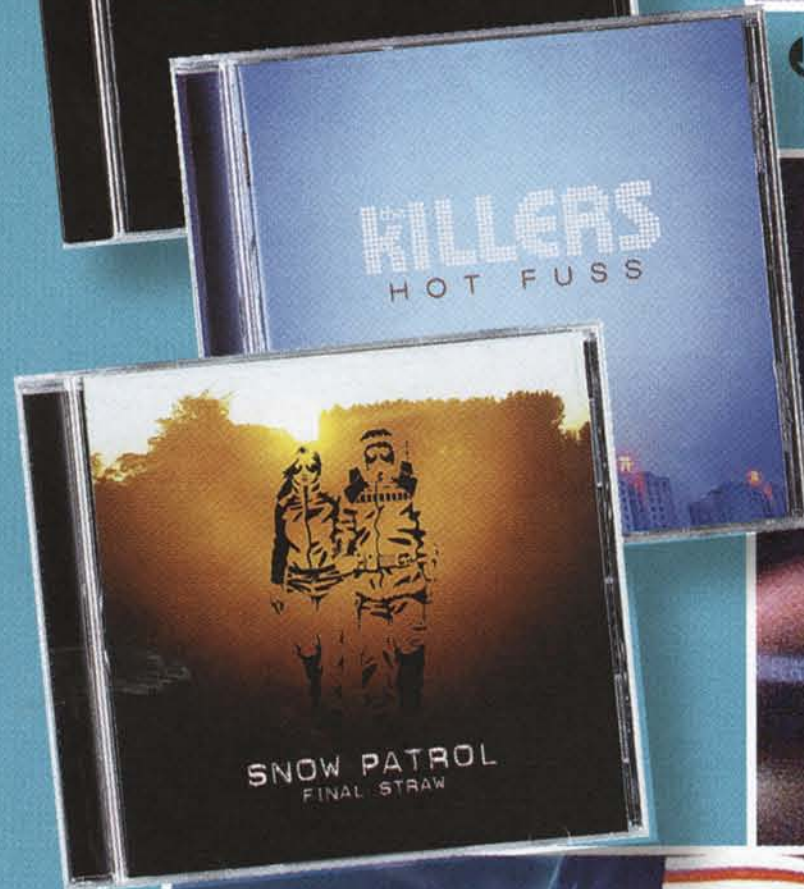


Ray Charles dies at age 73

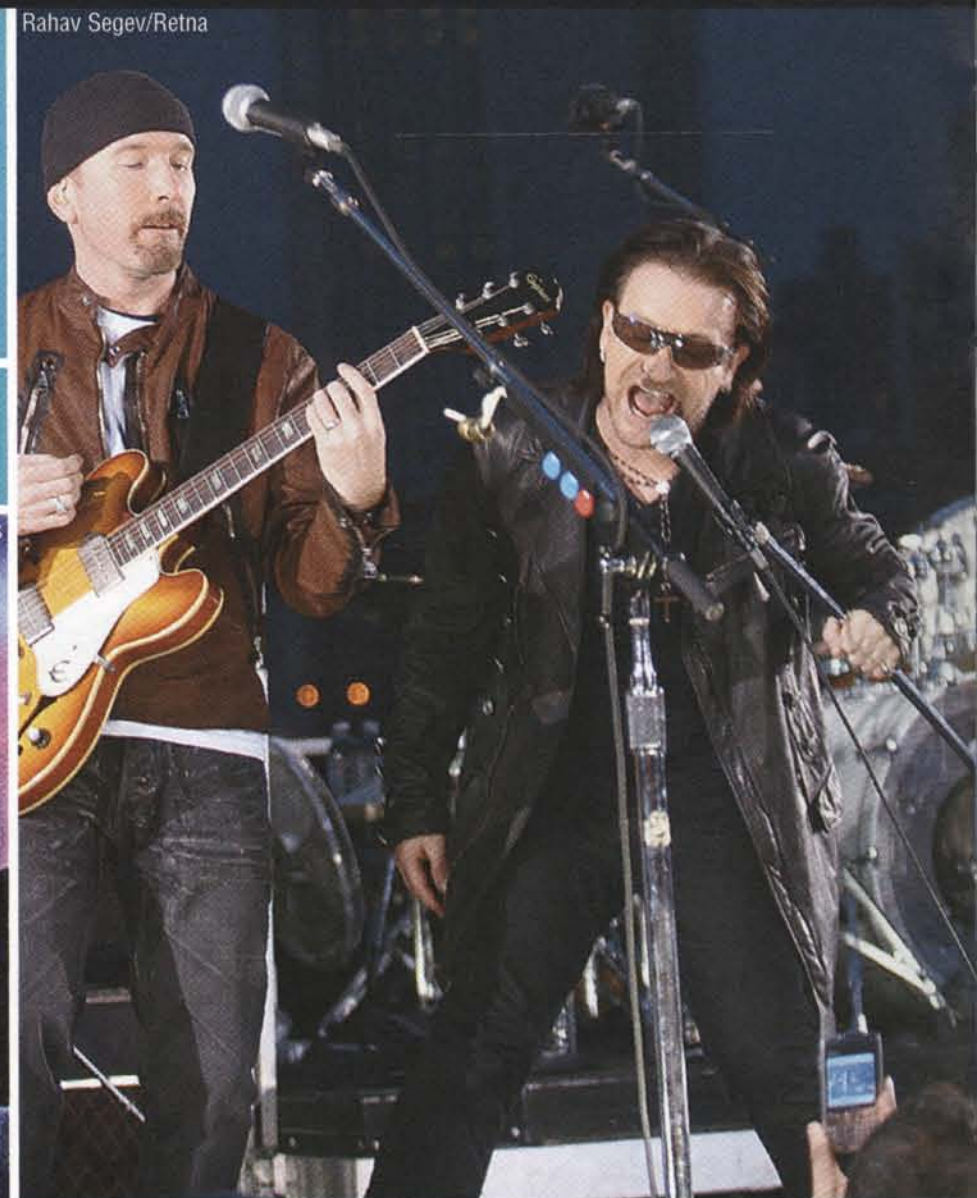


With bands like Interpol, The Killers and Snow Patrol, alternative rock returns to the mainstream music scene in a big way.

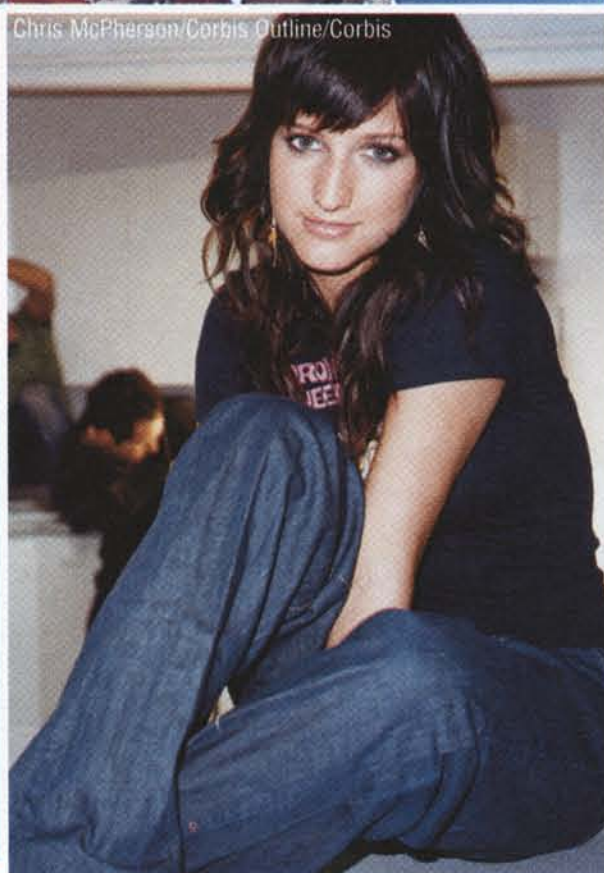
U2's new album *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb* hits No. 1 in *Billboard* magazine, and the band is inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in March 2005.



Rapper Kanye West collects a whopping 10 Grammy nominations, including Album of the Year, for his debut *The College Dropout*.



Nelly continues to wrap up big sales and hit songs with the simultaneous release of his two albums, *Sweat* and *Suit*.



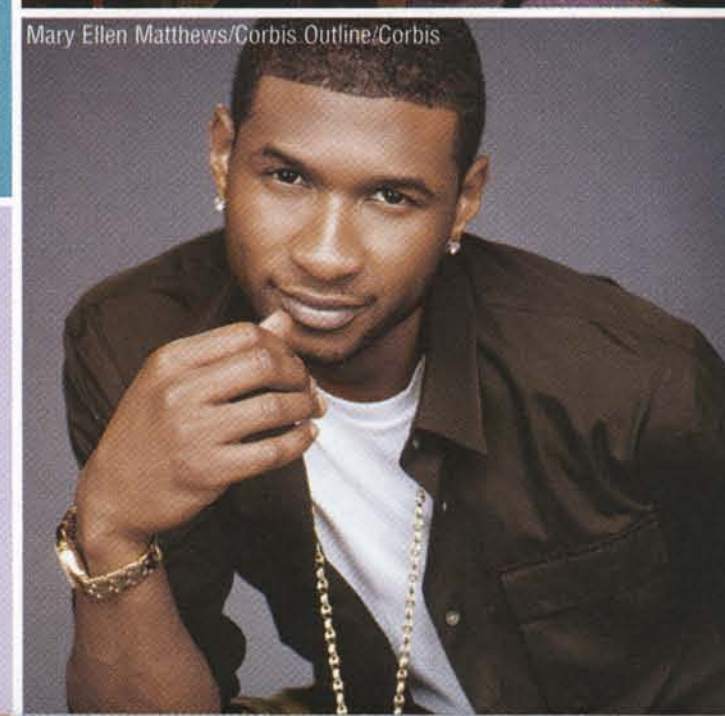
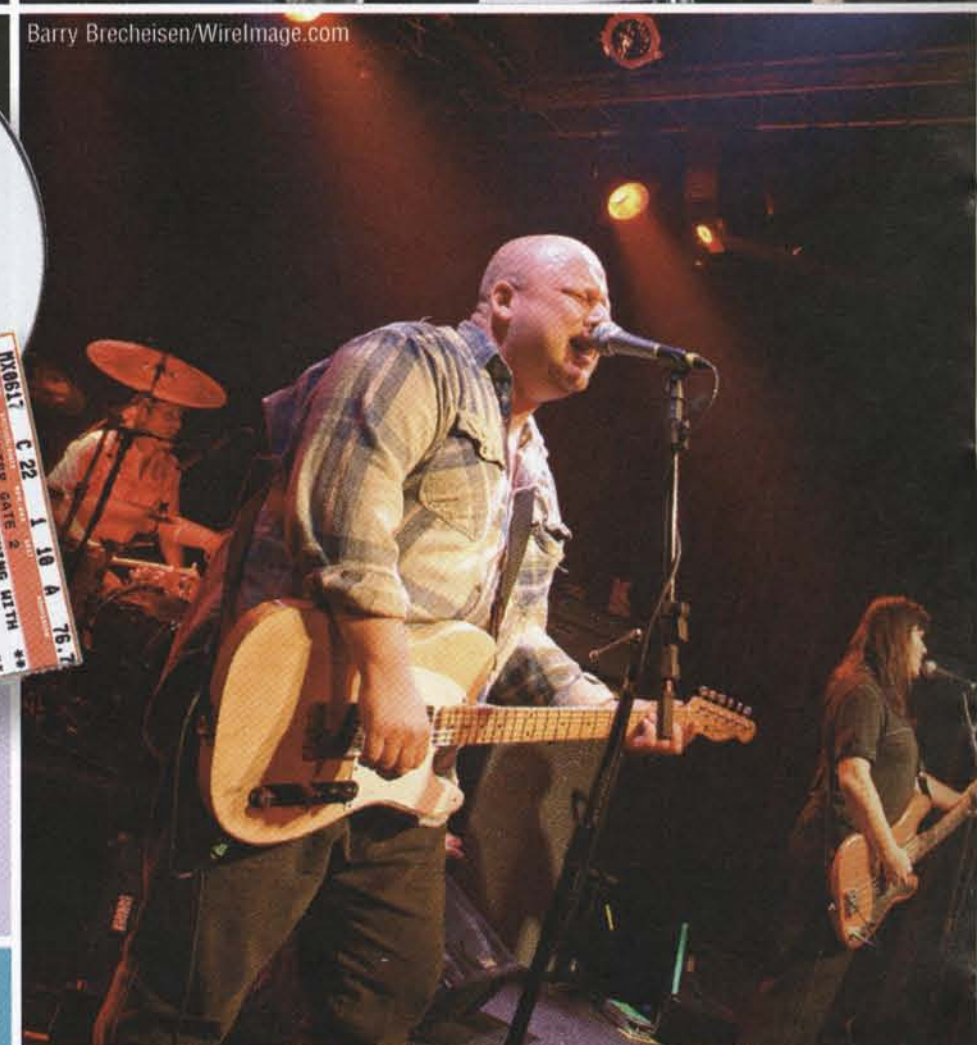
Ashlee Simpson, Jessica's younger sister, makes headlines with her triple-platinum debut album *Autobiography* and a lip-synching gaffe on NBC's "Saturday Night Live."



Pop superstar Prince gives his concert ticket-holders something to cheer about before the concerts start... a free copy of his *Musicology* CD.

Legendary '80s alternative rock band The Pixies, known for inspiring "grunge" music, reunites after 13 years for a sold-out U.S. and European tour.

In December, Usher dominates the *Billboard* Music Awards, taking home 11 awards, including Album of the Year for *Confessions*.



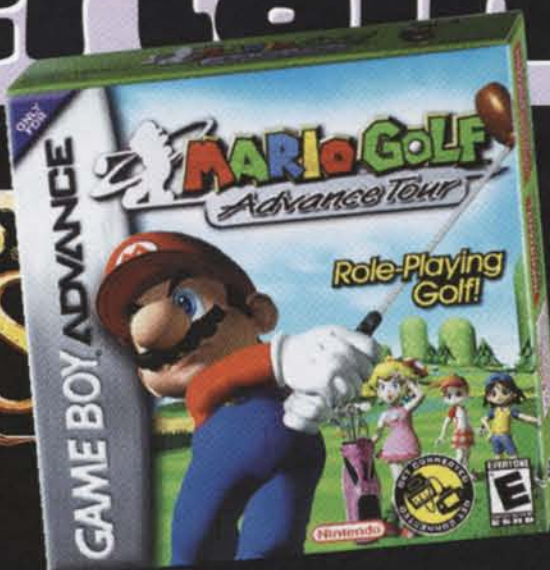
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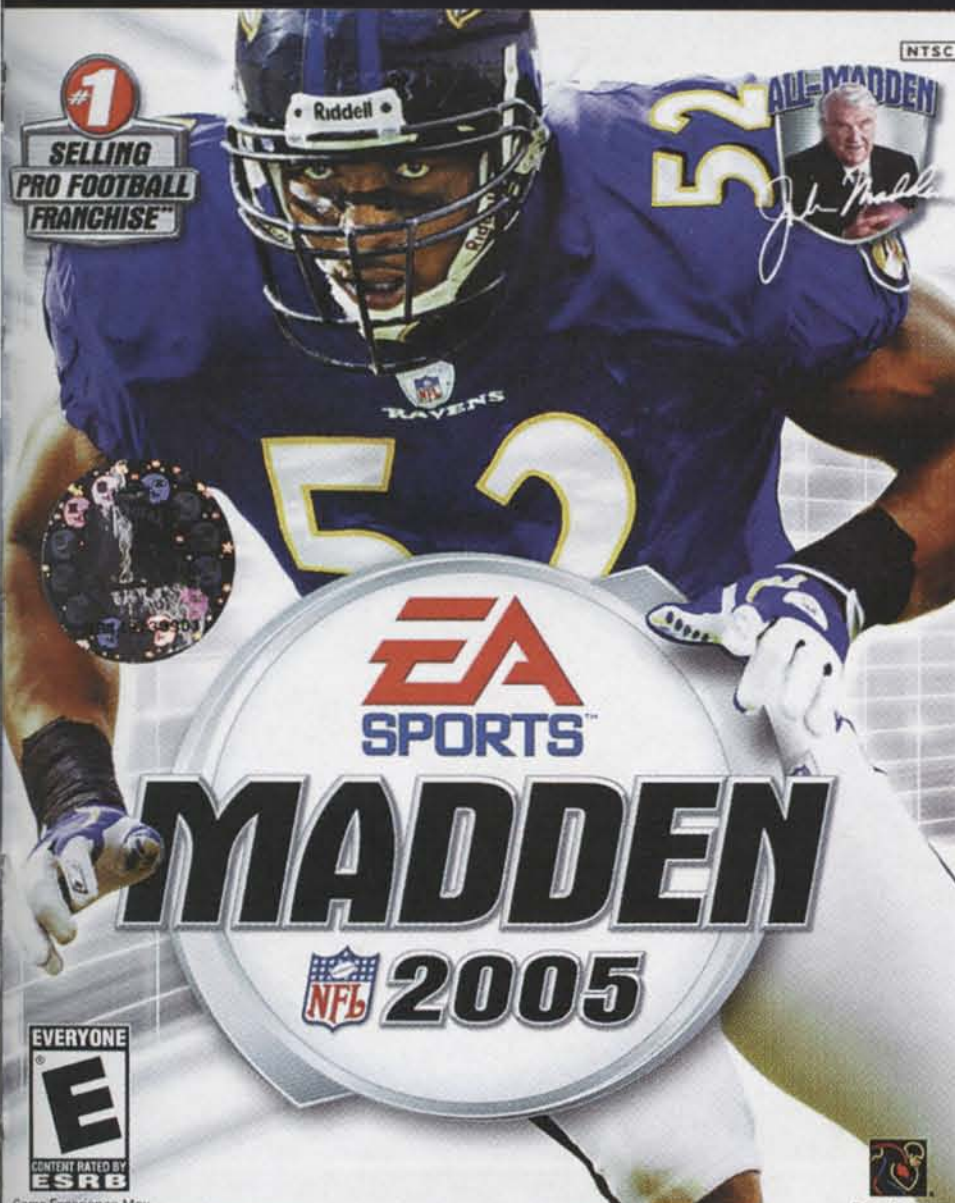
"K.O.T.O.R. II"



"Mario Golf Advance Tour"



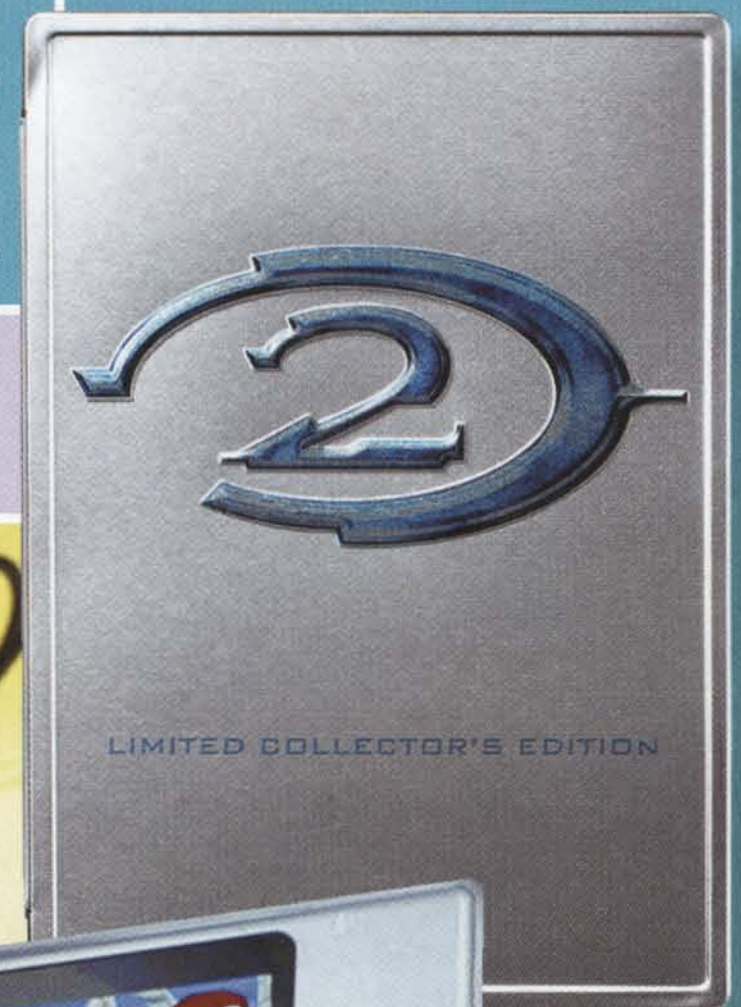
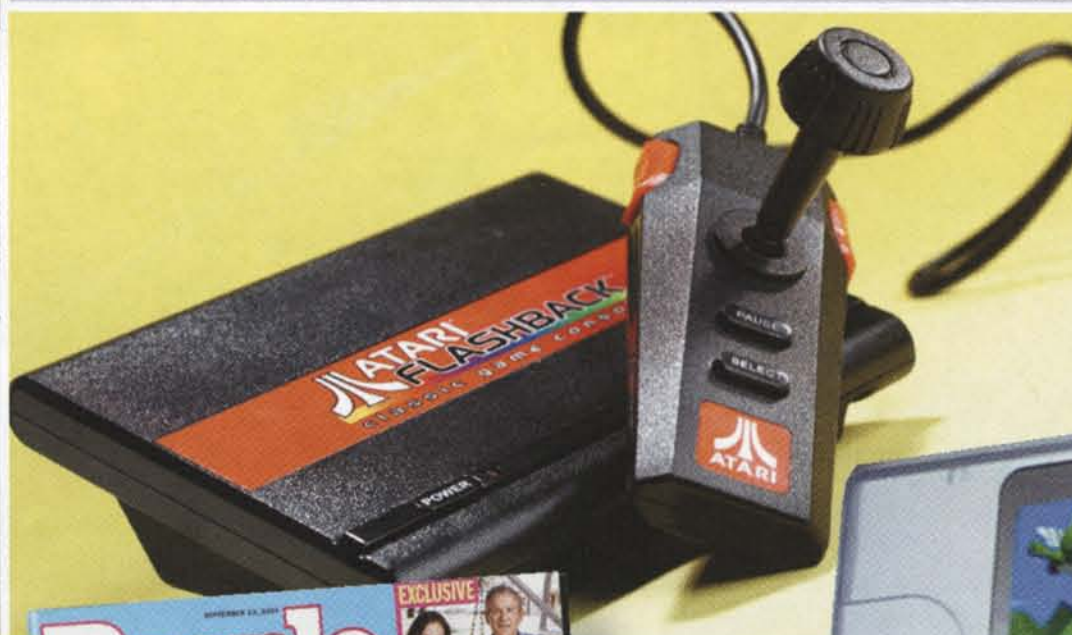
"Metal Gear Solid 3: Snake Eater"



Video game giant Electronic Arts buys exclusive rights to the teams, players and stadiums of the NFL for its popular Madden video game franchise.

After three years, Microsoft and Bungie Studios release the most eagerly anticipated video game sequel, Halo 2. Over 5 million copies of the game sell in the first month.

The newest trend in video games is to go "old school," with plug-and-play systems featuring '80s games from the likes of Atari and Namco.



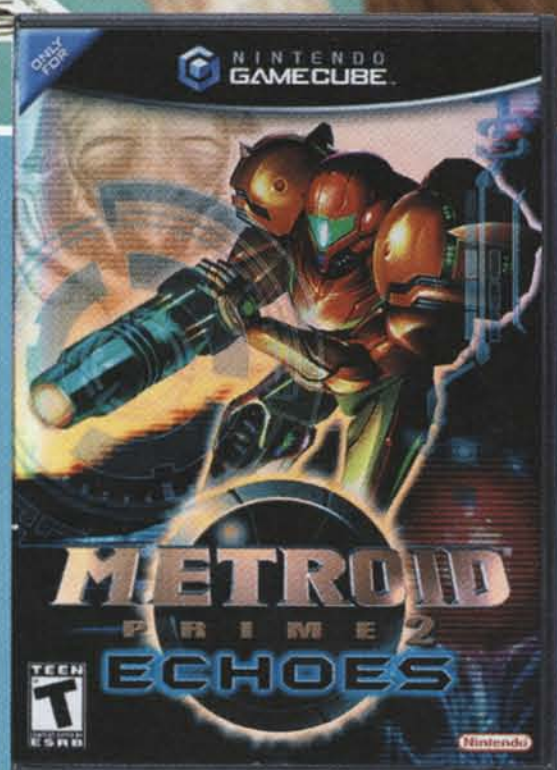
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2004 is the year of celebrities having babies, as Courtney Cox-Arquette, Gwyneth Paltrow, Kate Hudson, Julia Roberts, Liv Tyler and others all become first-time mothers.

Thousands of young people become avid poker players, a trend sparked by TV shows featuring tournaments for celebrities and professional poker players.

The challenging "Metroid Prime 2: Echoes" takes home the prize as IGN.com's Gamecube Game of the Year.



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The hottest "hard-to-get" toy for the holidays is the Nintendo DS handheld gaming system.

Even though it won't reach bookstores until July 16, 2005, preorders in December help J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* top several best-seller lists.



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sports



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➤ Ironman Lance Armstrong wins his record-setting sixth straight Tour de France.

➤ Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart leads the USC Trojans to a second consecutive NCAA National Championship by routing the Oklahoma Sooners in the FedEx Orange Bowl, 55-19.

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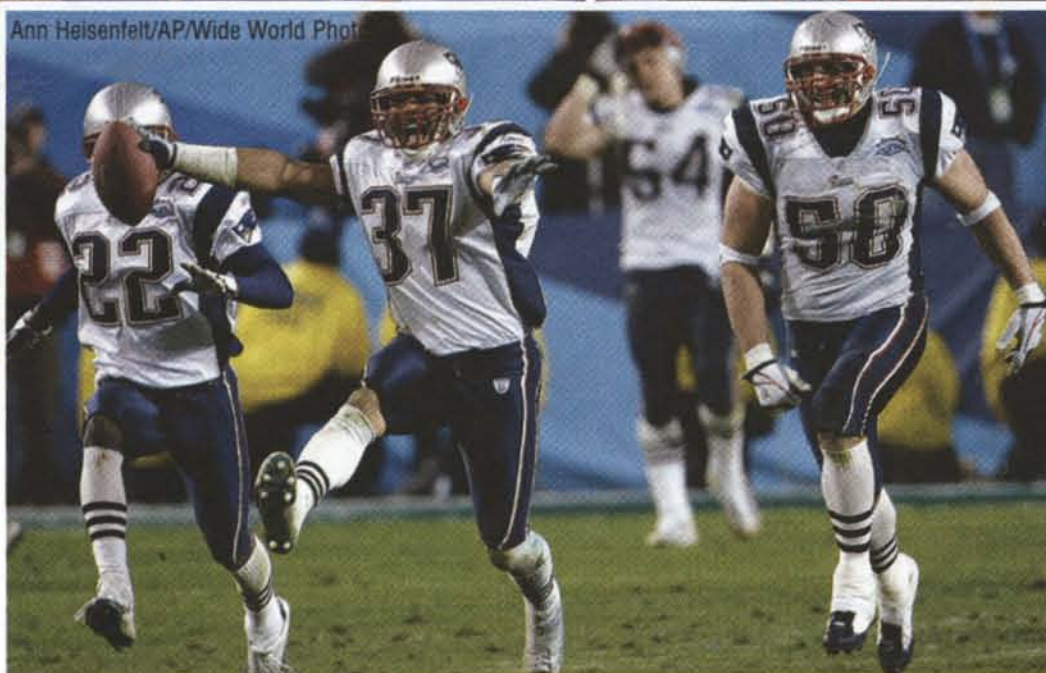


➤ With a series sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals, the Boston Red Sox lift the "Curse of the Bambino" to win their first World Series title since 1918.

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➤ The New England Patriots defeat the Philadelphia Eagles, 24-21, to repeat as Super Bowl Champions. They have won three of the last four Super Bowls.

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➤ Following his win in September at the Deutsche Bank Championship, Vijay Singh unseats Tiger Woods as the world's No. 1 golfer.

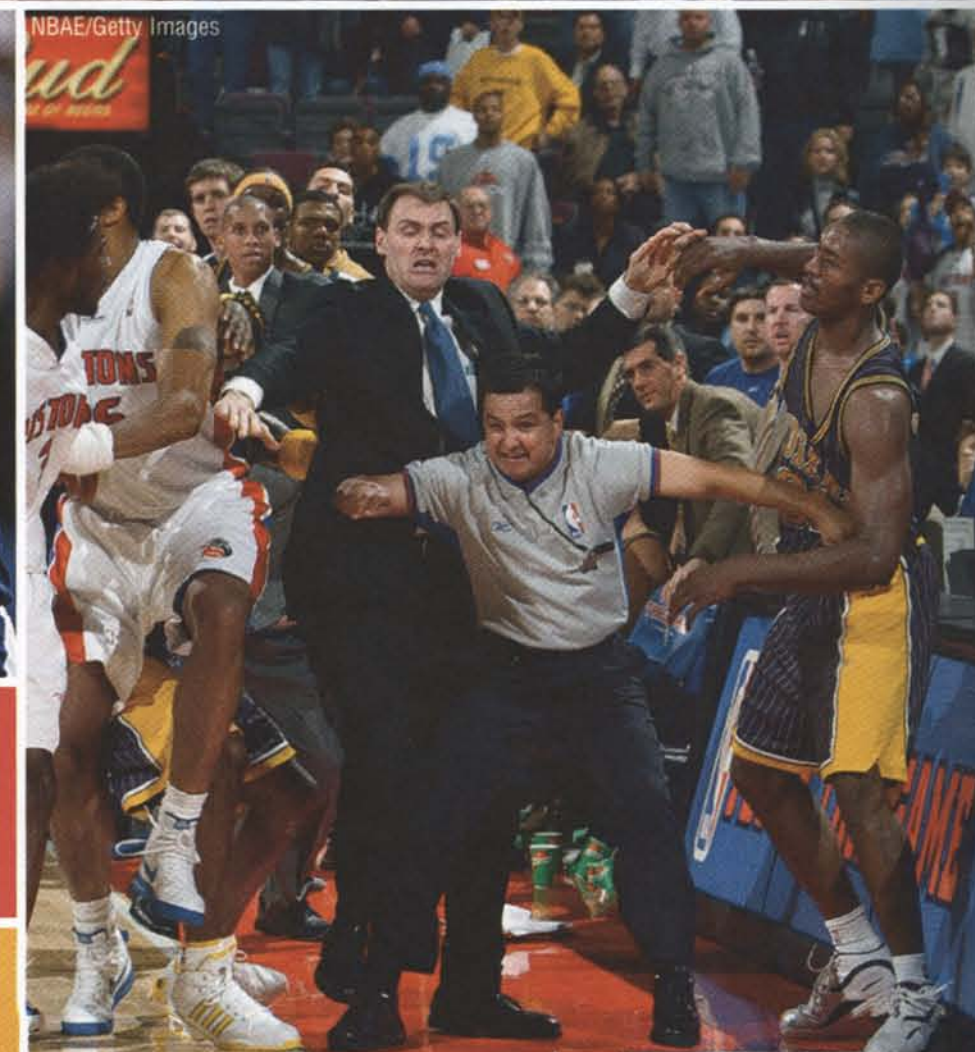
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➤ In December, Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning throws his record-setting 49th touchdown pass of the season.

➤ In one of the worst brawls in U.S. sports history, five Indiana Pacers players clash with Detroit Pistons fans on court and in the stands. The Pacers' Ron Artest is suspended for the year for his involvement.

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➤ Russian teenage tennis star Maria Sharapova defeats Serena Williams to claim the Wimbledon title. Thanks to lucrative sponsorship deals, Sharapova ends the year as the world's richest sportswoman.

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Carly Patterson joins Mary Lou Retton as the only American gymnasts to win the women's all-around Olympic gold medal.

Michael Phelps swims his way to eight individual Olympic medals, six gold and two bronze.

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Together for the last time, the "Fab Five" of U.S. women's soccer — Julie Foudy, Joy Fawcett, Mia Hamm, Kristine Lilly and Brandi Chastain — bring home an Olympic gold medal.

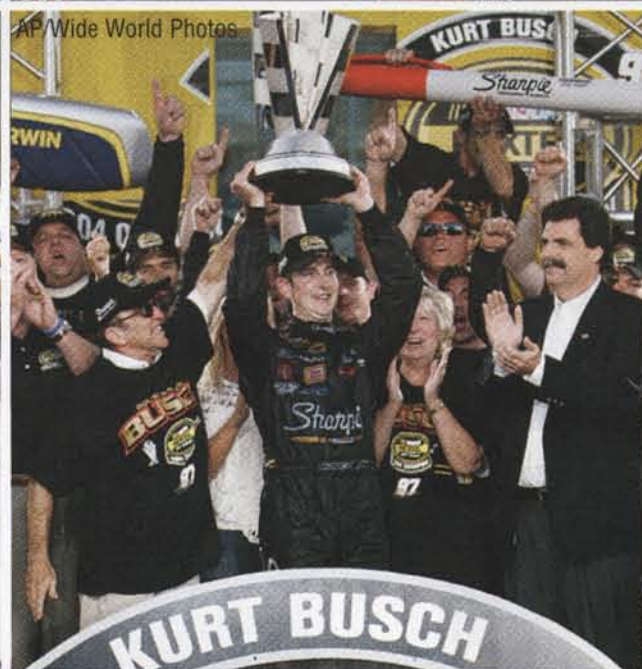
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Kurt Busch wins the NASCAR Nextel Cup. It is his first career title and the closest battle in cup history.

The Detroit Pistons, led by Ben Wallace and finals MVP Chauncey Billups, win the 2004 NBA title.

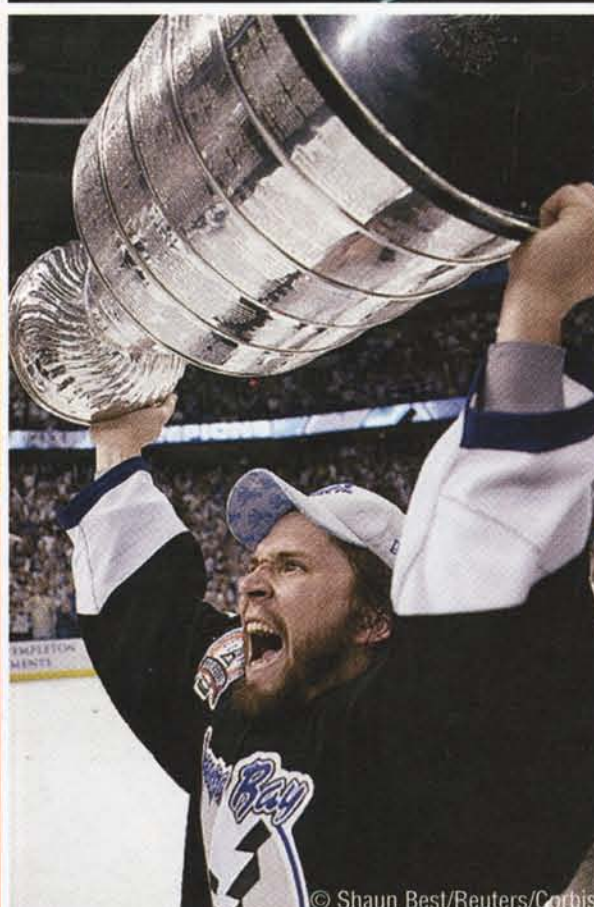
Barry Bonds joins Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron as baseball's only 700+ home run hitters. However, his performance falls under scrutiny after it is revealed that Bonds and other major leaguers have been using illegal steroids.

The NHL takes the 2004-2005 season off as players and team owners fail to come to an agreement on players' salary limitations.

The Tampa Bay Lightning claim the 2004 NHL Stanley Cup by winning the seventh game of the Stanley Cup Finals, 2-1, over the Calgary Flames.

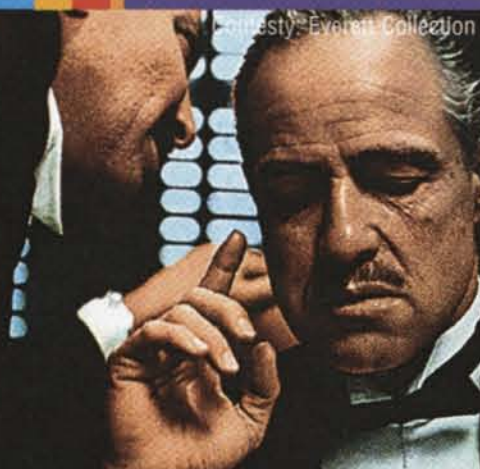


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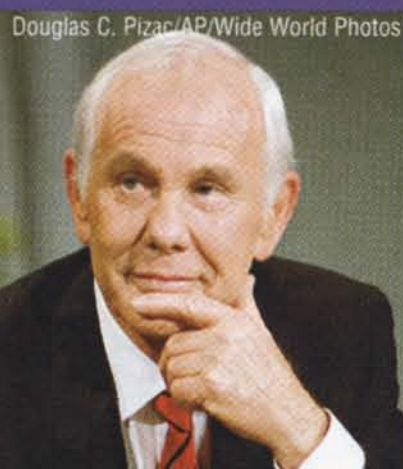


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Marlon Brando dies at age 80



Johnny Carson dies at 79



Dan Rather retires



Tom Brokaw signs off



Reggie White dies at age 43



In a year of entertainment dominated by teen queens, Lindsay Lohan makes the biggest splash of the bunch with the hit movie *Mean Girls* and her debut CD *Speak*.

Mattie Stepanek dies from a form of muscular dystrophy at age 13. He was known as a best-selling poetry author and the Muscular Dystrophy Association's National Goodwill Ambassador from 2002 through 2004.

In remembrance of those who have died and those who continue to risk their lives in the war in Iraq.



Ukrainian presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko suffers from debilitating illness and scarring caused by dioxin poisoning, allegedly at the hands of his opponents.

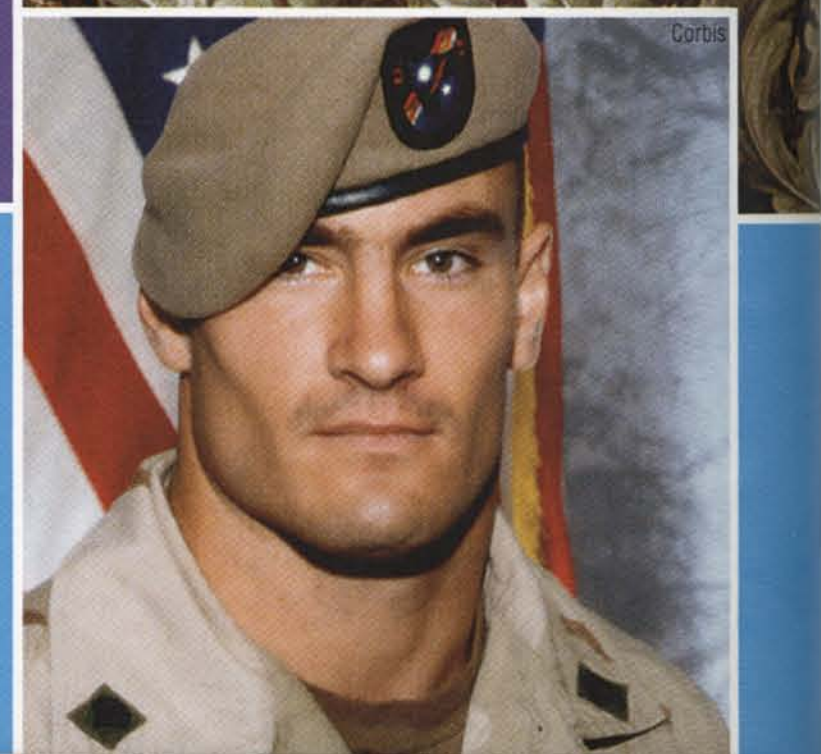
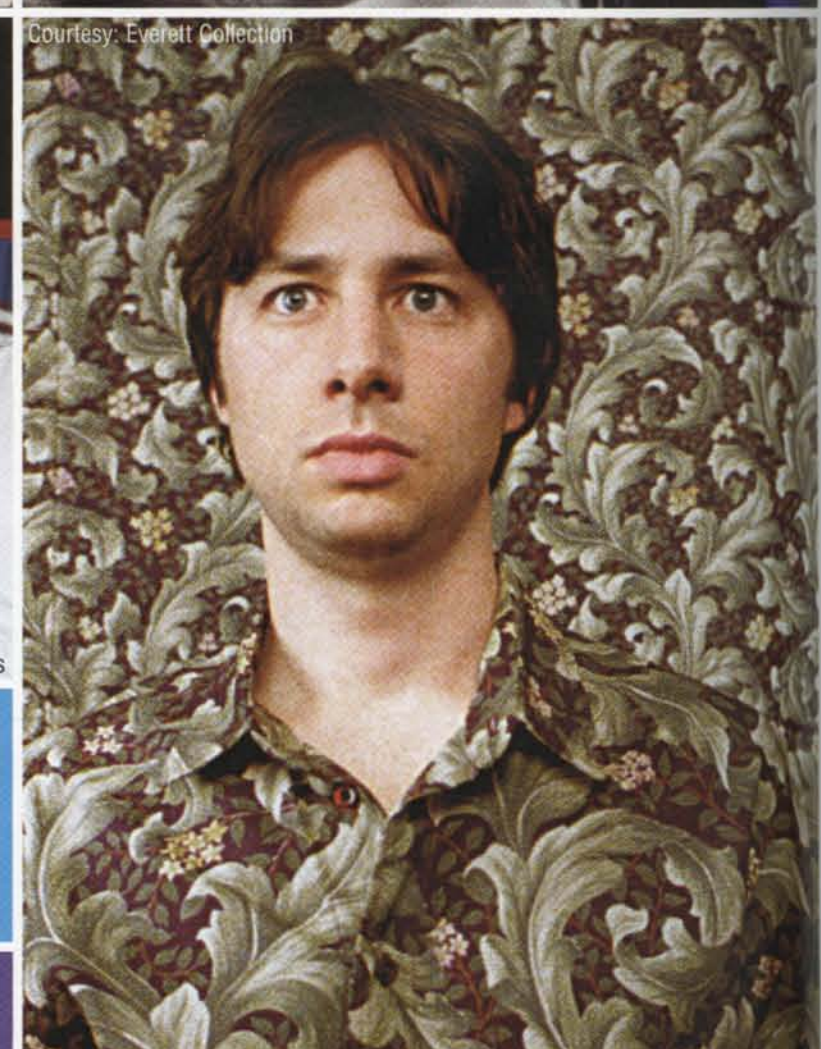
Rodney Dangerfield, 82, veteran comedian famous for getting "no respect," dies from complications following heart surgery.



Democratic vice presidential and presidential nominees John Edwards and John Kerry make the 2004 election a very close race.

Actor Zach Braff from NBC's "Scrubs" makes his big screen acting, writing and directorial debut in the critically acclaimed *Garden State*.

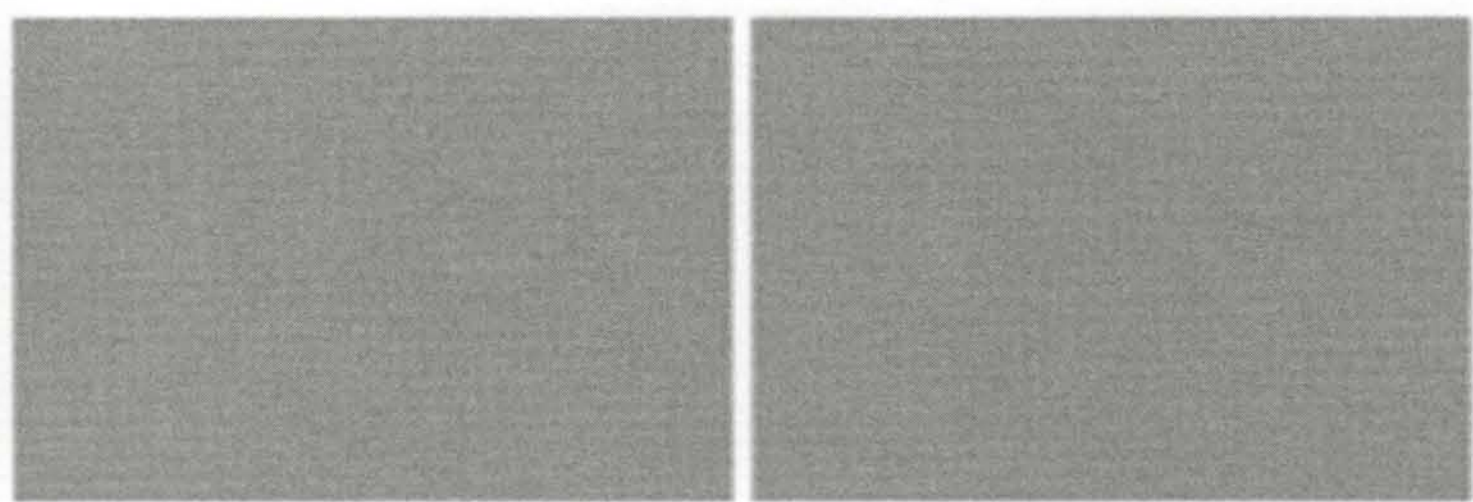
Former NFL player Pat Tillman, who chose the Armed Forces over the NFL, is killed while on duty in Afghanistan.



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A Job Done Well

Teen Institute Day

By Melissa Shanahan

Whether or not you know your plans for the future, there was something for everyone at Teen Institute Day this year. With sessions such as advertising, Cosmetology, interior design, music industry, and self-defense, there were a variety of options.

If you already had an idea of your career path, instead of going to the sessions, you could go shadow someone in your job field.

Many of the students found Teen Institute Day to be a helpful preparation for the future, while others found it a fun way to explore different career options they had not considered before.

Teen Institute Day was sponsored by CAPTAINS, and headed this year by senior Megan Sage. "We started this project about two weeks after Christmas Break," Sage said. "I put in about four to five hours, each night the week before the event. I had a lot of great people helping me and everyone worked really hard."

The day was started off by guest speaker Butch Cotter to get the kids excited and ready for the day ahead of them.

"He really got his point across and it was nice to hear that he, as someone who is not a part of U-High, thinks so highly of our school," senior Sarah Hall said.

Throughout Teen Institute Day, students found themselves in sessions that could possibly help influence

them into a career choice or even persuade them to keep thinking about their options. Others however, felt differently.

"Our sessions were pretty good, but they weren't something that I would want to do," sophomore Paige Durchholz said.

The presenters at a majority of the sessions were eager to tell the U-High students about their professions.

"The morning went well for CAPTAINS because the presenters were on time and were very well prepared," said Sage. She added some had video clips, some handed out papers, some had demonstrations, and some were able to speak about their job the entire time. Each session ran smoothly and the students seemed to get something out of each one.

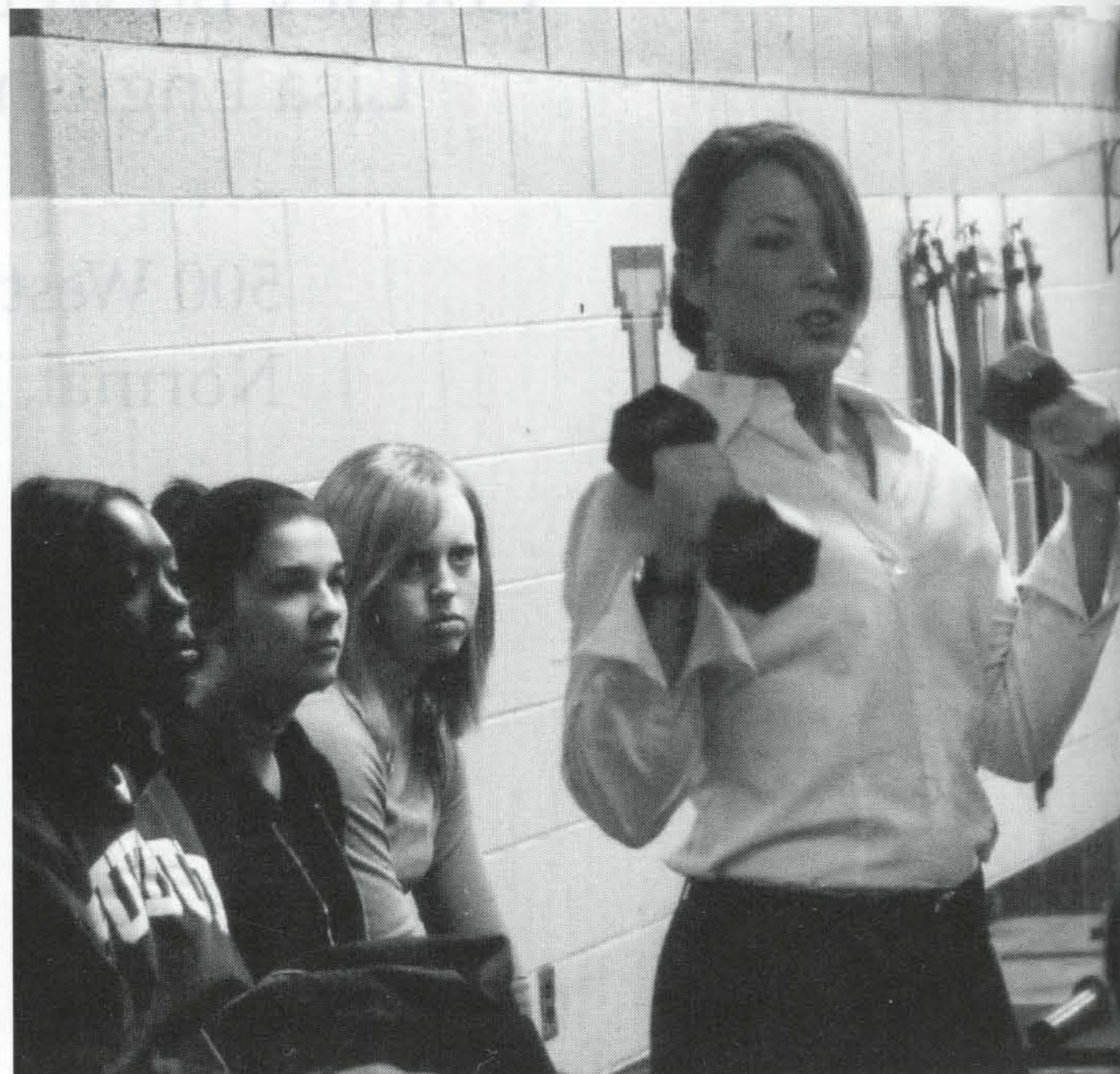
The day concluded with a performance by the Jazz Band and Jazz Choir. Each student was eager about their early dismissal.

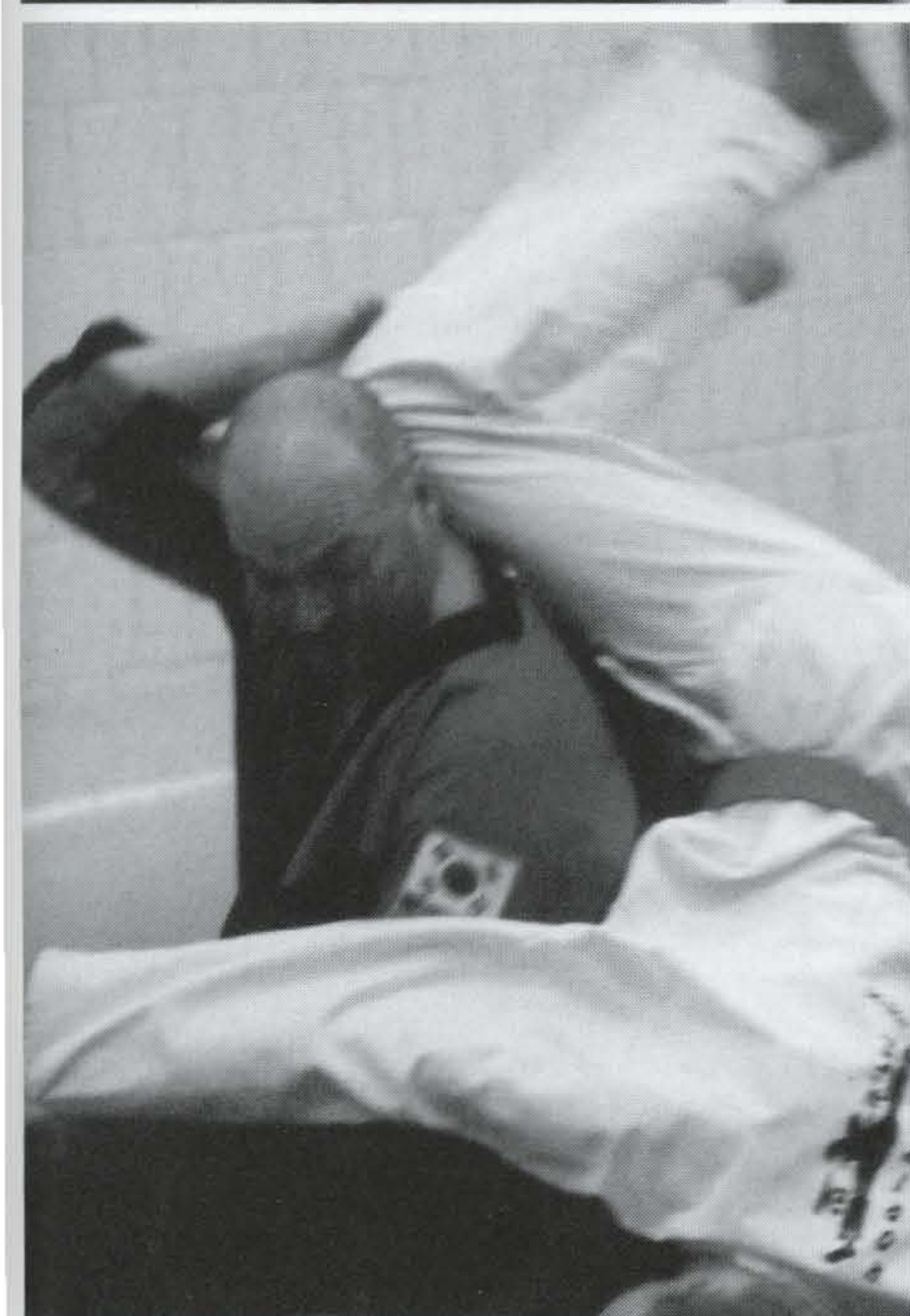
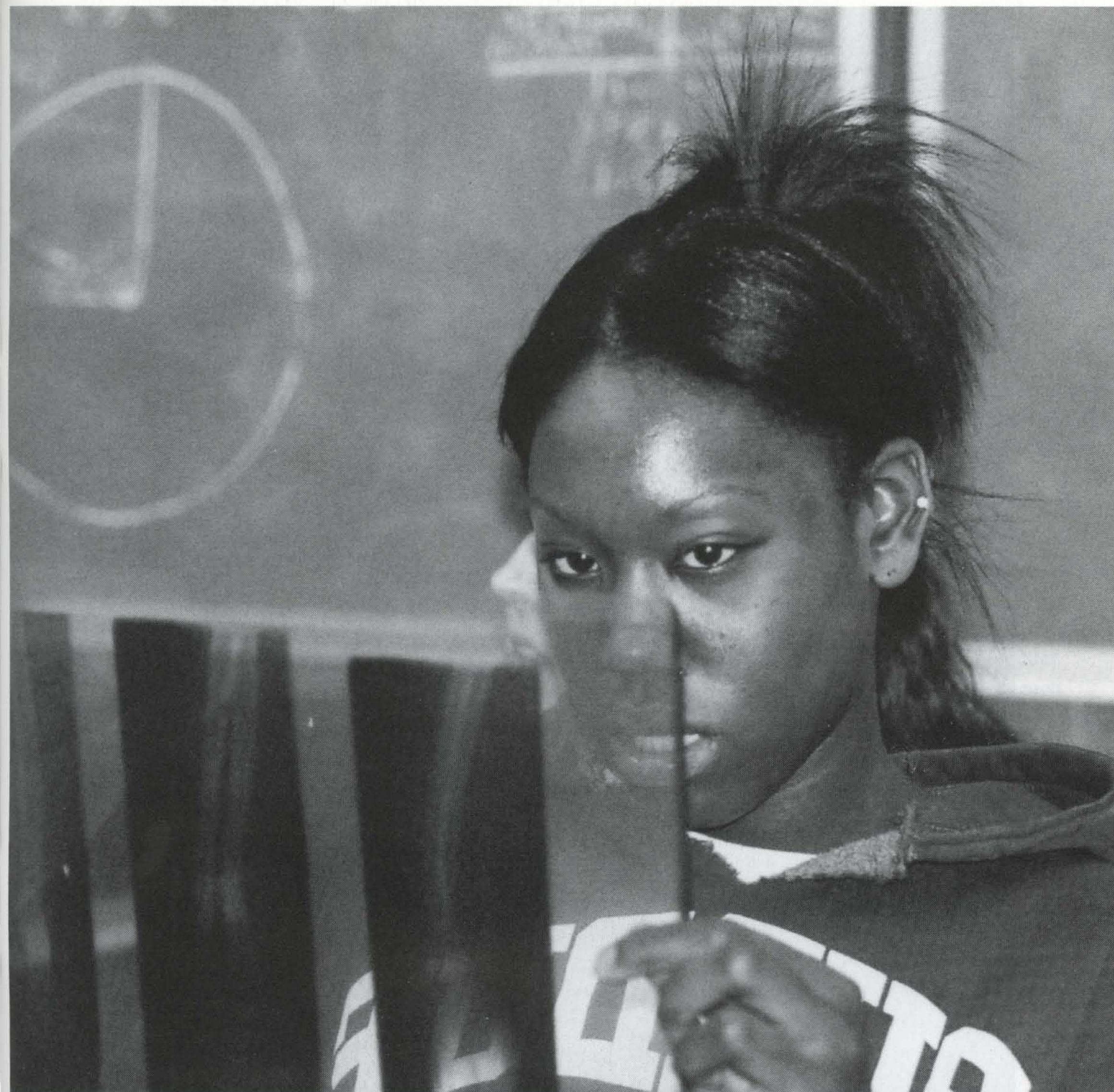
Trying to prepare for the future can be tough but with this opportunity the students were able to learn about certain careers in an in-depth way. With all of the work and time put into this event for the students of CAPTAINS, it paid off. Students were able to take interest in a career they may have not considered before or were able to enjoy a different perspective on a job of their choice. Whichever the case was, Teen Institute Day was a success.



2.18.05

John Larson (above) watches as a few of the students do a skit. Photograph by Mallory McCoy. [2.18.05] The junior girls listen as they learn about fitness from a rep. from Gold's Gym. Photograph by Mallory McCoy.





2.18.05 Alisa Ndorongo (top) studies x-rays in one of her sessions. Photograph by Mallory McCoy. **[2.18.05]** John Gehrt (left) shows off some karate skills for the students to see. Photograph by Mallory McCoy. **[2.18.05]** Brooke Cogan (above) volunteered to help during one of the presentations. Photograph by Mallory McCoy.



2.19.05
 Jake Weis (top) demonstrates his lip-syncing talents with a little help from the guys. Photograph by Alyssa Solava. **[2.19.05]** Trevor Somers (above) answers his question from the Q&A sections while the other contestants wait in line. Photograph by Alyssa Solava. **[2.19.05]** Strutting his stuff during the beachwear competition, Chance Walker (right) shows off his scuba gear. Photograph by Alyssa Solava.

Making Unlikely Friends

Mr. U-High Pageant

By Alyssa Solava

Mr. U-High isn't just a beauty pageant. Many components go into crowning the "king" of the school. You get to see senior guys dancing to Macho Man, strutting their stuff in beachwear and formal wear, listening and watching them perform their amazing talents, all while raising money for the Haitian Christian Mission.

This year's event included eleven senior boys. The contestants were Matt Beach, Josh Heimerdinger, Nick Holtzman, Jarrett Huff, Lane Miller, Evan Savage, Phil Slama, Trevor Somers, Patrick Turner, Chance Walker and Jake Weis.

The participants had some difficulties getting along during rehearsals but in the end they all learned a thing or two about themselves and each other.

"I learned about the necessity of true friendship that I found with the other ten guys," Slama said. "I really got to know everyone better."

Holtzman also felt the love from the other contestants.

"We all became friends, there was no odd man out," Holtzman said.

There were crowned winners in each category and an overall winner. Pleasing the crowd with tight jeans,

cowboy hat and boots, Somers won the beachwear category. Savage won the judges over with his amazing voice and original song which led him to become the winner of the talent category. Weis took home the crown of Mr. U-High and also won the formal wear competition.

Beach was the first runner up and also won the Q&A section. When asked 'Would you rather be able to fly or be invisible and why?' he answered, 'I would rather be invisible and I'm not saying why.'

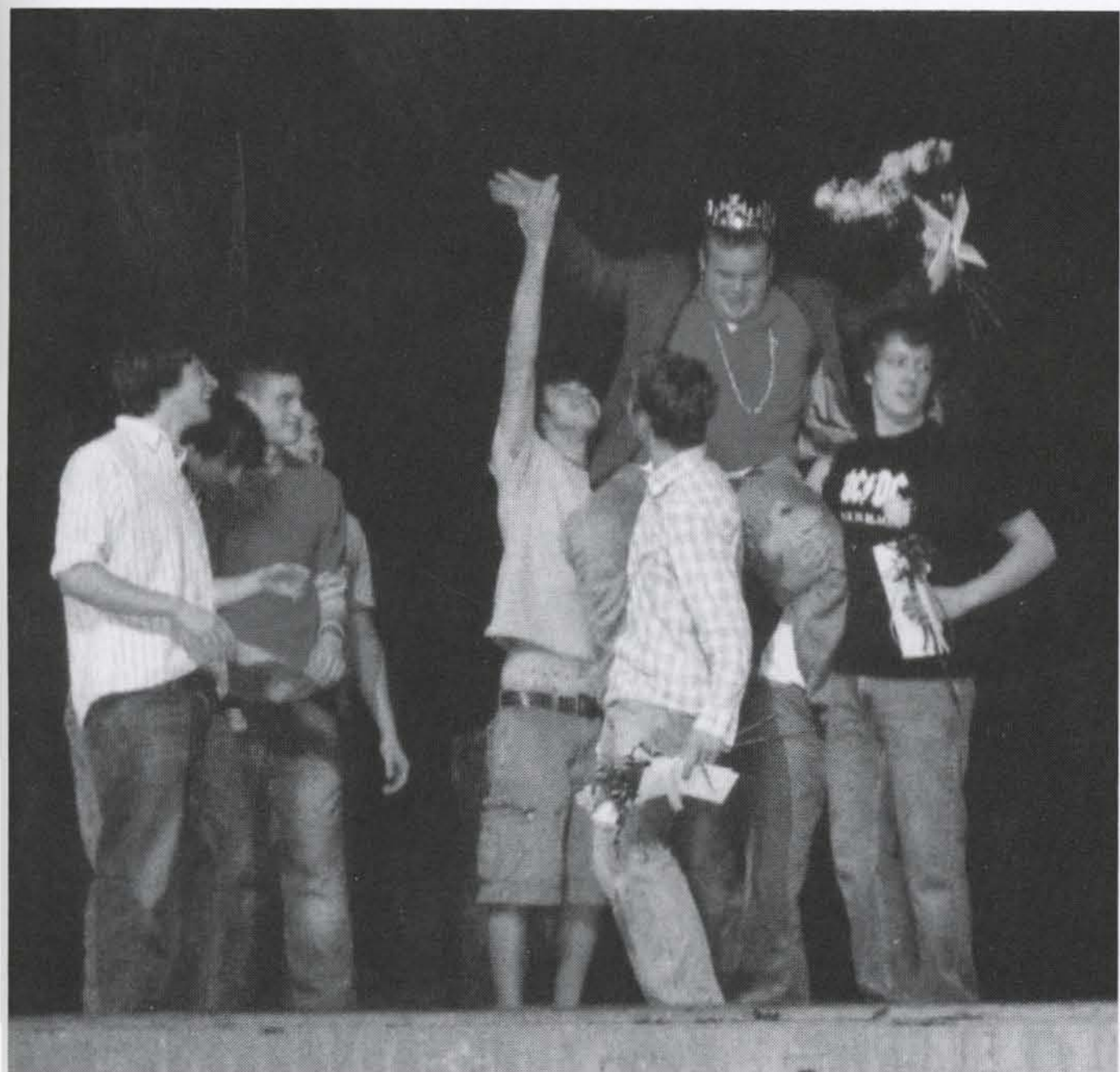
Besides being the jokester of the group, Beach really enjoyed getting to know the senior guys better.

"We had nothing but moral support for each other. We all really got to become good friends in the end," Beech said.

Not only was Mr. U-High a great time for the senior guys and the audience, but all the money raised went to the Haitian Christian Mission in memory of Troy Hari.

From attendance profit and monetary donations, nearly \$1,400 was raised.

"Mr. U-High was a good time for the senior guys to get together, have fun and raise money for a good cause," Mr. U-High, Jake Weis said.



2.19.05

Josh Heimerdinger (above) performs a song on the alto saxophone while getting a little help from a friend. Photograph by Alyssa Solava. [2.19.05] After being crowned Mr. U-High, Jake Weis (left) is hoisted up by the rest of the guys. Photograph by Alyssa Solava.

3.8.05

Senior Lauren Farraher (below) puts the blood pressure cuff on before she gives blood. Photograph by Mallory McCoy. [3.8.05] Senior Collin Reeser (right) relaxes in the chair as his blood is being drawn. Photograph by Mallory McCoy.



First Time Donors Blood Drive

By Erica Rohren

This spring's blood drive was a big success for U-High's Senate. Many of the 54 people who contributed were first time donors.

Students like seniors Lindsay Bertsche and Meaghan Schiller, and junior Josh Ayers gave blood for the first time, but these students didn't experience the joy of getting blood drawn while saving a life.

Bertsche was terrified as she sat in the chair waiting to get poked with the needle.

Once the nurse came over she made numerous attempts to find a vein in her left arm, but couldn't find one. They told her she needed to turn around so they could look at her other arm.

"By that point I was really worried because I thought I wouldn't be able to give blood, but I'm really glad they didn't have to dig around in my arm with the needle to find a vein," Bertsche said.

Although this was all for a good cause, Schiller and Ayers both had unforgettable experiences at the blood drive.

While Schiller was giving blood, her blood wasn't flowing fast enough and the nurses tried multiple times to make it flow faster, but they couldn't.

Schiller was one of the five people who weren't

able to donate the full pint of blood. The nurses had to take out the needle because of complications. She was unable to save a life but her blood, along with the other unsuccessful donations, went to labs for testing.

Ayers experienced a completely different situation. The nurses had no problem finding a vein in his arm, but he least expected to be lying down during the time his blood was being drawn.

Before they injected the needle, the nurse told Ayers that if at any time during the process he felt light headed he should call for her and she would lie him down.

Ayers started off feeling fine with his blood flowing normally, but he soon became light headed and called for the nurse. She rushed over and laid the chair down while another nurse came over and raised his feet to the air.

They told him to cover his mouth with his hand and cough into it.

"I felt horrible because I felt tingly and light headed and then I started to black out," Ayers said.

While Ayers still had a bad experience that doesn't make him regret what he did.

"I did it because I wanted to have the feeling that I saved lives and that is what's important," Ayers said.



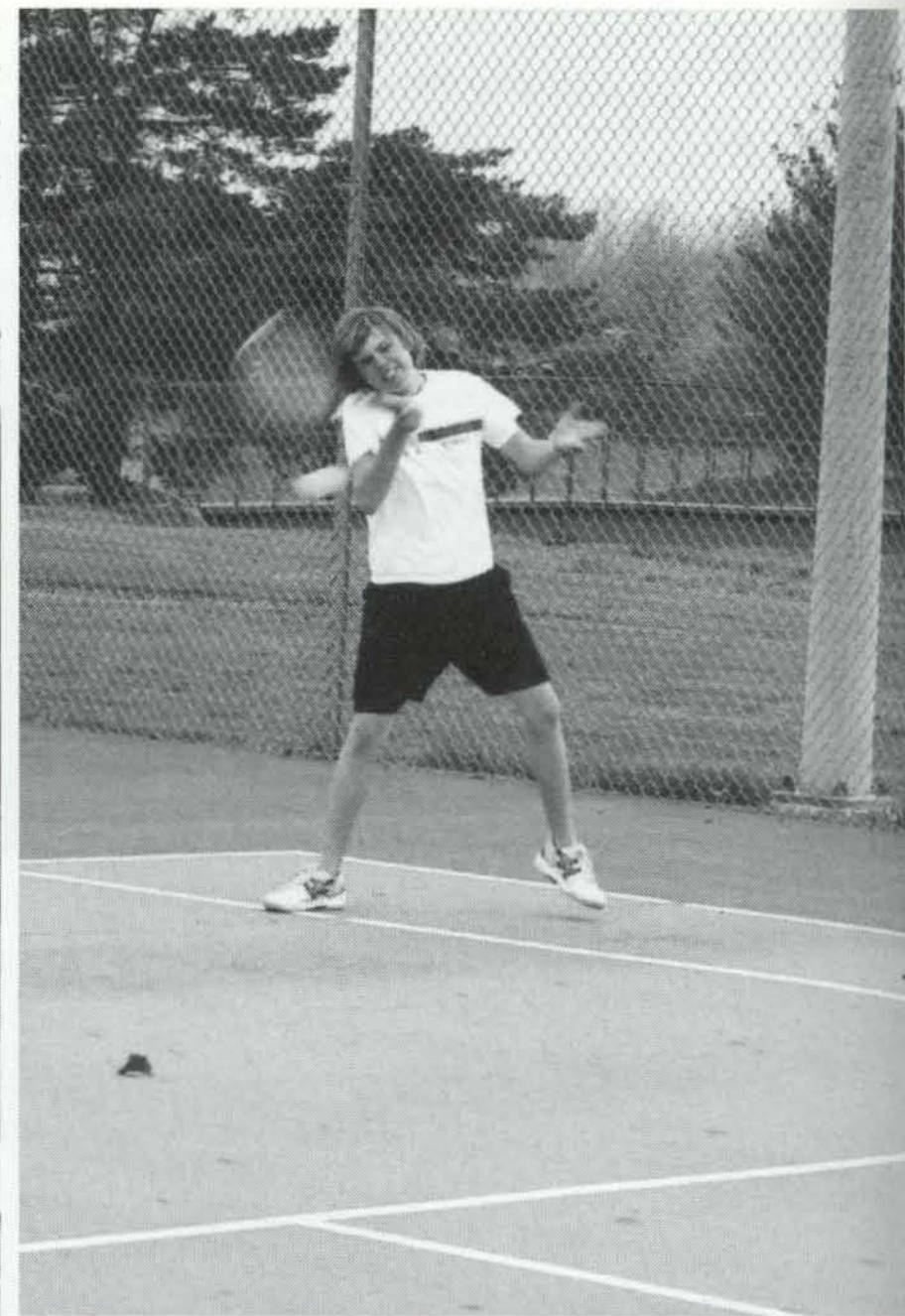
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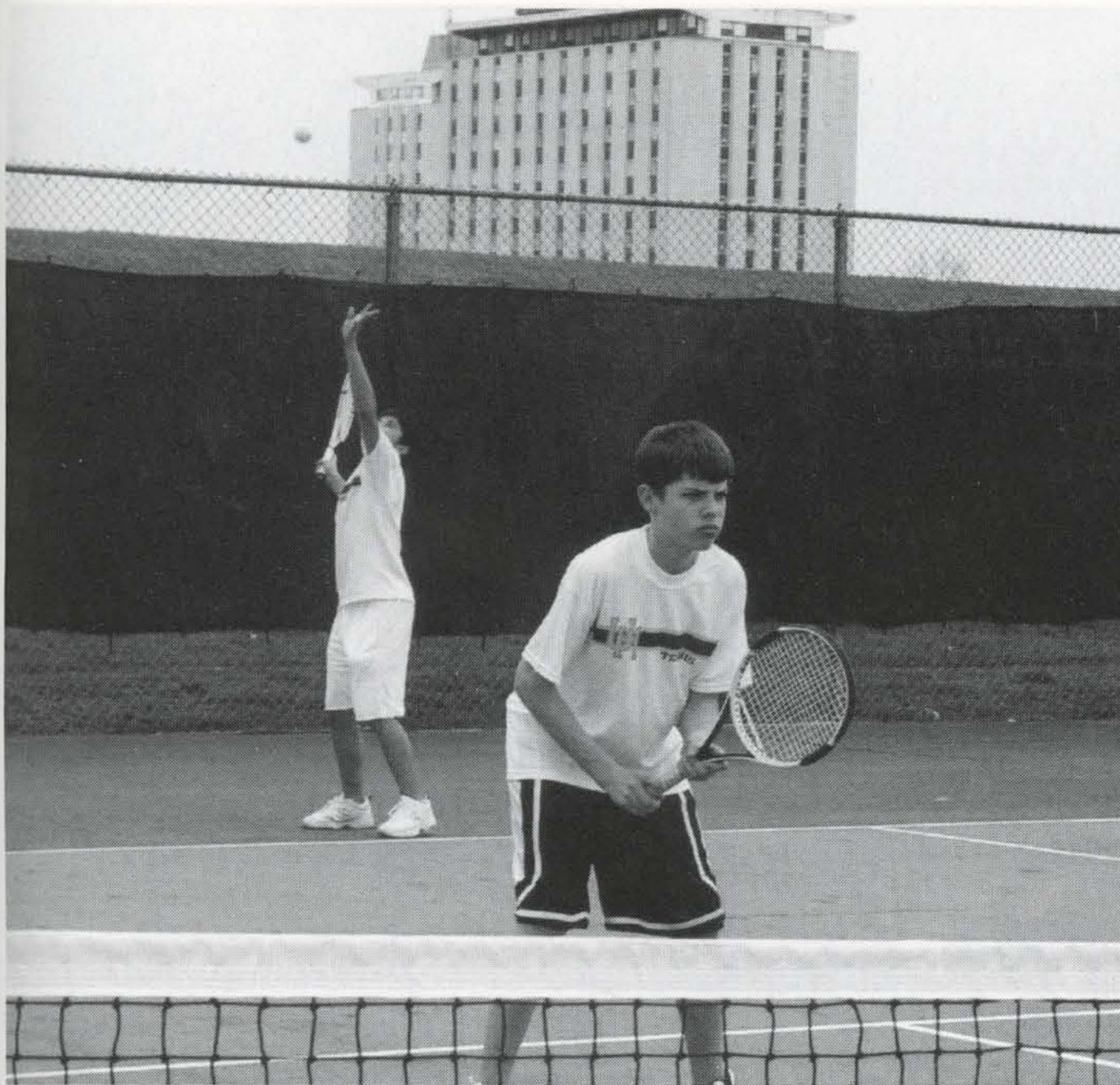
Senior Lindsay Bertsche (left and bottom) experiences giving blood for the first time. Photograph by Mallory McCoy. [3.8.05] Sophomore Tom Donnan (below) watches as the nurse finds a vein to start the process. Photograph by Mallory McCoy.



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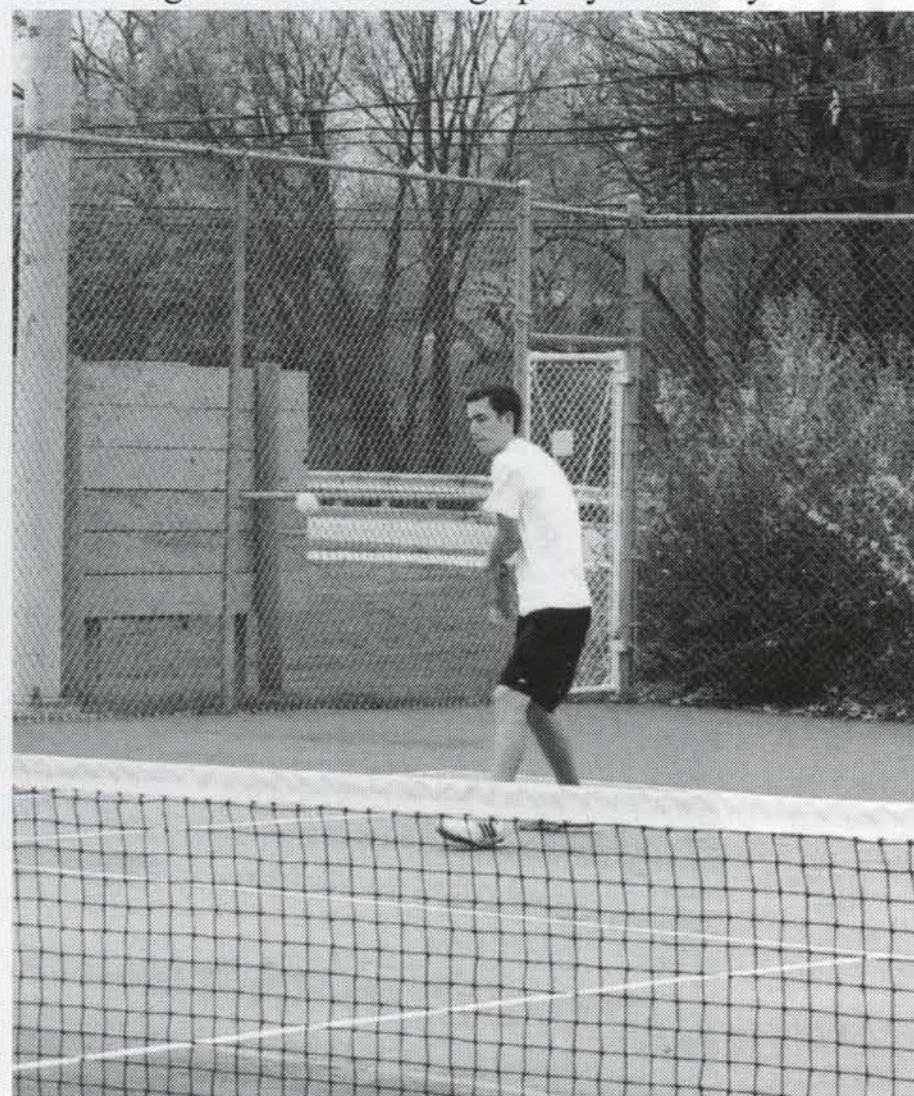
Junior Ben Stone (bottom) concentrates to return a volley. Photograph by Katie Payne. [4.11.05] Junior Kevin Bailey (right) smashes the ball back to his opponent. Photograph by Katie Payne. [4.11.05] Sophomore Neesath Shah (below) runs across the court to reach the ball before it goes out. Photograph by Katie Payne.





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Junior Sam Pridgeon (below) hits the ball back to his opponent. Photograph by Katie Payne. [4.11.05] Austin Popham concentrates intently (left) as doubles partner Dan Grieco begins to serve. Photograph by Katie Payne.



Unexpected Success

Boys Tennis

By Erica Rohren

The U-High tennis team started the year without their standout player, Ben Luehrs. Looking at their final record nobody could tell the difference.

This obstacle left the team having to fill their number one spot and hope other players could step-up and play well until Luehrs was able to return.

Junior Gaurav Vempati, who is the number two player when Luehrs is in the line-up, took over the number one position while Luehrs was unable to play.

"He did a great job playing against the number one players from other teams. He stuck with them and made them play to their best ability and he really did a great job filling in the leadership role," Luehrs said.

Luehrs, who has been a key asset to the tennis team for the past three years, was forced to sit out with a lower back injury and was stuck on the sidelines watching, while the team resumed to play without him.

"I don't know how I injured my back, but it just got aggravated whenever I bent over. It was real upsetting because I hate sitting on the sidelines watching. It just makes me want to get back out there and play," Luehrs said.

The injury made Luehrs unable to play for about a month and kept him from playing in about seven

matches. "It was hard watching every tennis match. It's so much better to be playing," Luehrs said.

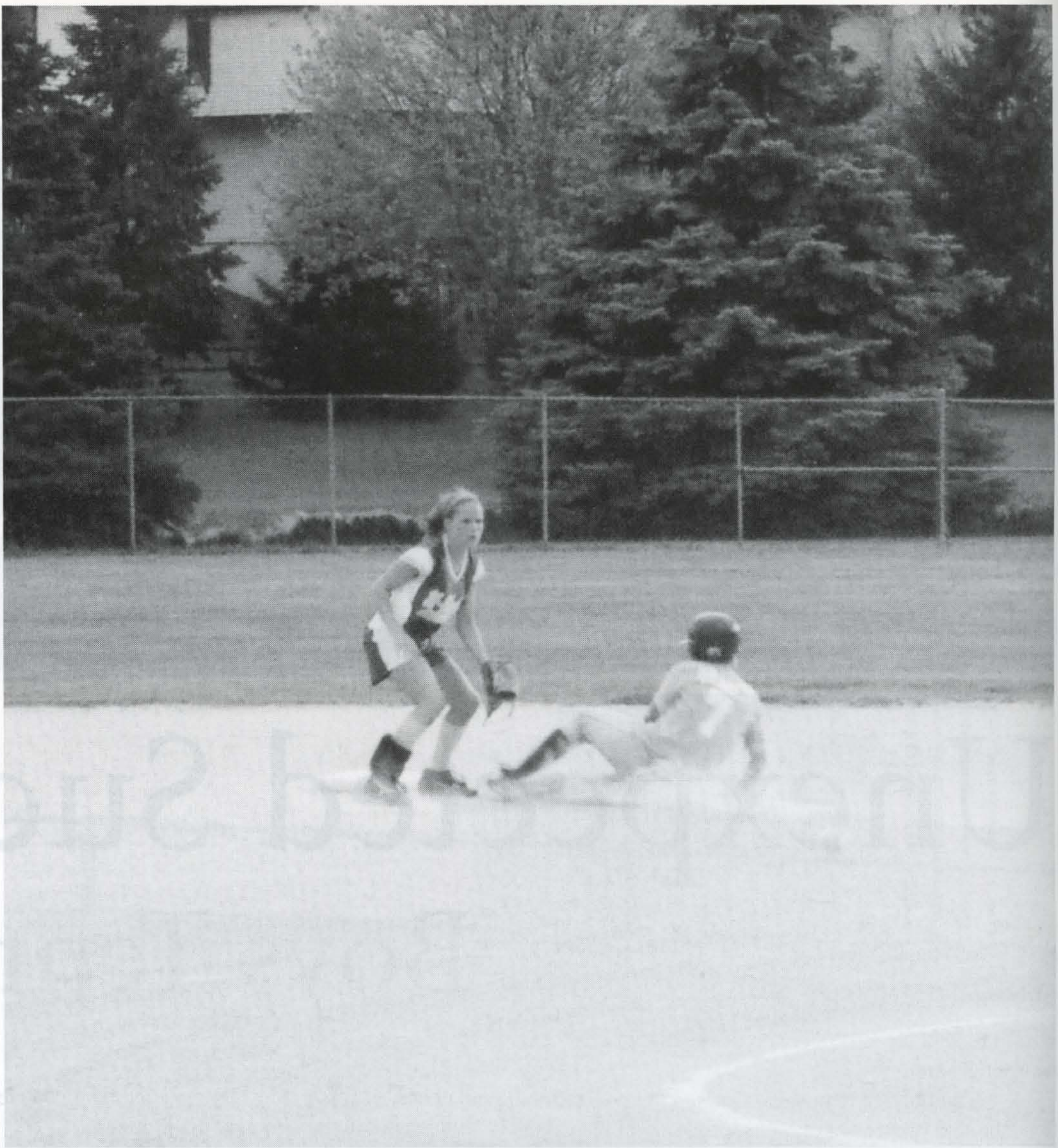
But even though Luehrs was unable to play, the team still had to play well without him. The team defeated Urbana High School, a team they have never defeated in U-High history. The fact they did it without Luehrs makes it feel even better.

"It shows we can pull through without our best player and shows how good of a team we actually are. It was a surprising victory. No one expected us to beat Urbana, but we did," junior Seth Doran said.

Everybody thought that Luehrs would be a little rusty, from sitting out for so long, but that's not even close to what happened. Luehrs bounced back from being out, and on his first match back, he played NCHS' star player Chad Fisher. Although he was placed at the number three spot when he returned, the competition was still as good as a number one player.

Although the team did fine without Luehrs, now that he is back they intend to do even better.

"We've been doing real well. We haven't lost a meet since I've been back, although the teams haven't been the best, but it's still an accomplishment," Luehrs said.



4.5.05
 Senior Holly Kennedy (top) runs to cover second base. Photograph by Erica Rohren. [4.5.05] Junior Dani Jacobs (above) reaches to make an out for the team. Photograph by Erica Rohren. [4.5.05] Junior Kellie Kinsella hurls a pitch in. Photograph by Erica Rohren.

Playing Through the Problems Girls Softball

By Erica Rohren

The softball team had many obstacles to overcome this season. With only one pitcher and the catcher on the injury list, they were forced to make some changes in their line-up to fill in the catching role.

Early in the season junior catcher, Ashton Hitchcock, injured her knee on a squeeze bunt play at home plate. Sliding into the catcher to try and earn the team another run, Hitchcock twisted her knee and tore her ACL which ended her junior year season.

With Hitchcock becoming injured, they were forced to bring in senior outfielder, Jill Stralow, to assume the catching position. When Stralow was told to get the catching gear on, it had been a year since she last played that position.

"I was a little scared. I haven't caught in about a year or even practiced it. I really didn't want to do it, but I knew I had to," Stralow said.

The injury couldn't have happened at a worse time for Hitchcock who is trying to get a scholarship to play softball in college.

"It really got me down about college and everything. I thought this would ruin everything, but I just have to work hard when I recover and do my best," Hitchcock said.

Although the injury is extremely hard for Hitchcock she says she still feels like part of the team and will continue to be around for them.

"I'm still involved with the team. I keep the book, go to practices and I'm always at the games. I'm still on the team, I'm just not able to play," Hitchcock said.

Along with Hitchcock's injury, they still have other problems they will have to face and potentially get over. The fact of the matter is having only one primary pitcher could really cause problems for them.

Junior Kellie Kinsella is the only primary pitcher for U-High this season. So when Kinsella is having a bad game, the team just has to push through it.

"I try to do my best in hard situations, when I dig myself into a deep hole, but my defense helps me out when I'm having a bad game. I can always rely on them," Kinsella said.

They do have a back-up pitcher when worse comes to worse, but if they use her then they lose their shortstop. Senior Holly Kennedy comes in when Kinsella needs her too, but it's not a move they like to make.

Although difficulties arise when Kinsella is having a bad game and with Hitchcock injured, this team still has the ability and belief that they can get out of any tough situation.



4.5.05

Senior Melissa Martin (left) swings to help put U-High on base. Photograph by Erica Rohren. [4.5.05] Junior Kelsey Swango (above) reaches for the catch to make an out. Photograph by Erica Rohren.

Senior Mike McMillan (below) runs to third base. Photograph by Erica Rohren [4.8.05] Junior Josh Cox (right) swings at a pitch from the opposing team. Photograph by Erica Rohren



Coming From Behind Boys Baseball

By Kevin O'Malley

U-High Varsity Baseball team started off 2004-2005 conference play with a stellar performance against state ranked Olympia High School. The 2-1 extra inning victory not only gave the Pioneers an important conference win but also provided confidence for U-High in many close games later in the season.

U-High's starting pitcher senior Ben Reeser kept Olympia scoreless for the first six innings, protecting the 1-0 lead the pioneers had over the Spartans. Olympia finally got on the board when the first Spartan batter of the 7th inning hit a solo home run to tie up the low scoring contest.

After the homer, Pioneer first basemen Andrew McDowell spoke briefly to Reeser and attempted to ease some of the pitchers nerves.

"There's nothing you can do about that run so just move past it and get these next three outs. We have Mike batting first next inning, so we'll get that run back," McDowell said.

With the help of Reeser's blistering fastball (and possibly McDowell's advice) Reeser was able to retire the next two Olympia batters, sending the game into extra innings.

The first batter in the top of the eighth was the Pioneer's best hitter, senior Mike McMillan.

"Before I got up to the plate coach told me to

look first pitch fastball and jump on it," McMillan said.

Though McMillan made good contract with the first pitch, it rocketed off the bat for a foul ball. Mike regained his position in the batter's box and awaited the next pitch. The opposing pitcher wound up and heaved a fastball on the inside half of the plate. Mike swung through the strike zone, connecting with enough force to send the ball flying over the fence in left center field. McMillan had put the Pioneer's up once again.

While Olympia managed to retire the next three batters, it was clear that McMillan had already done a significant amount of damage to the Spartan's hopes of victory. Though the lead was small, it was still enough to put the next string of the Spartan's batters on the hot seat. They would have to face Reeser again. The pressure was on Olympia and if they couldn't scrape together another run then the Pioneers would come out on top of this pitchers duel.

Reeser was well up to the challenge of preserving the U-High lead. He made haste of Olympia's comeback dreams by quickly shutting down the next three Spartan hitters. The extra inning thrill ride was finally over, with the Pioneers moving to 1-0 in the conference thanks to a tremendous pitching performance from staff ace Ben Reeser and some late inning heroics from Mike McMillan.

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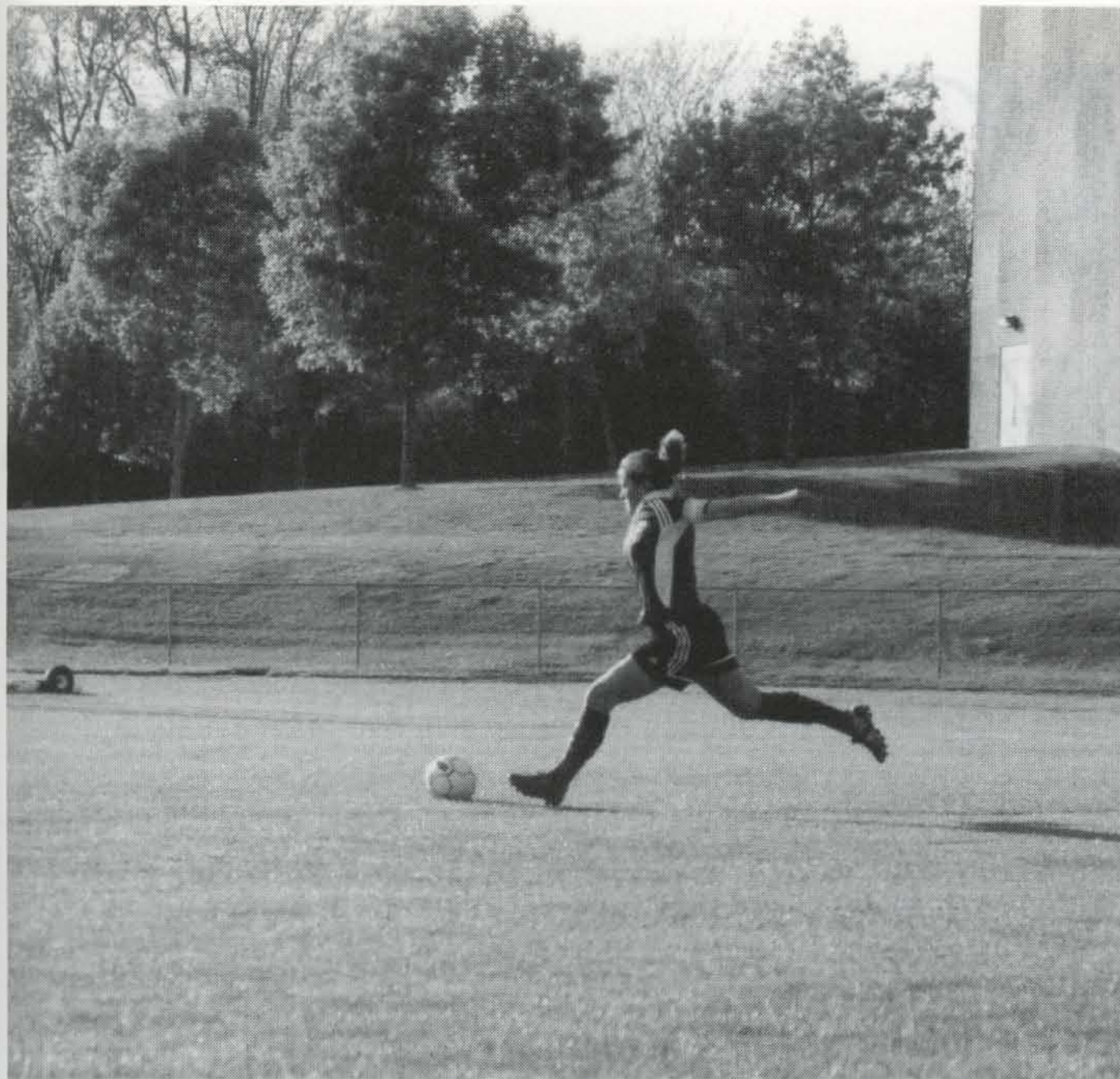
Senior Brad Meier (left) awaits a pitch from Andy McDowell. Photograph by Erica Rohren [4.9.05] Junior Tyler McNeely (below) slides into home to earn a run for U-High. Photograph by Erica Rohren. [4.9.05] Senior Andy McDowell (bottom) pitches to help end the inning for U-High. Photograph by Erica Rohren.



4.14.05

Freshman Liz Phipps (bottom) takes the ball down the field. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [4.14.05] Senior Kelley Knapp (below) defends the ball from oncoming players. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [4.14.05] Freshman Erin Sage (right) dribbles the ball past the defending team. Photograph by Allie Jocson.





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Senior Erica Rohren (left) kicks the ball down the field to another player. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [4.14.05]

Senior Keely Scott takes the ball toward the goal. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



State Hopefuls Girls Soccer

By Caitlin Lartz

Known for grass stains and a winning record, the Girls Soccer Team has always been a shining star in U-High athletics.

The team has come a long way from the rocky start this season and is finally united.

"We had trouble for a while trying to play as a team, moving the ball well, making smart decisions, but now we play great and we work hard. It's awesome to see such struggle turn into well played soccer," said U-High senior Erica Rohren.

One of the greatest struggles this team has overcome was lack of players.

"Losing our talented seniors last year set us back a bit," said senior Rebekah Clay.

Making up for the lack of players has been difficult.

"We don't have many players on varsity. It made us really have to be flexible on where we play. I think those challenges have only made us stronger," said Rohren.

These struggles have put a lot of pressure on the team to rise to the occasion. Fortunately, the strength of the team is embedded in the ability of each of the girls to put forth enough effort to make it work, a strength these U-High girls have down.

"It's a real combination of abilities. We have so

much talent on our team. It's hard to just pin the success on one person," said Clay.

The team benefits from strong senior leaders and well balanced underclassmen.

"I'm really proud of our freshmen for stepping it up and performing on the varsity level," said Rohren.

These great performances could be due to the strenuous two and half hour practices. Combining stretching, drilling, scrimmage and keep away games these ladies sweat away much of the afternoon on the soccer field perfecting the game.

Spending so much time together on the field, the girls form a secure bond.

"We are very fortunate to be as close as we are, it really helps us play better together during the games," said Rohren.

This team may not have the best record in U-High history but they certainly surpass achievements in friendships.

"We all love each other and I think that's the best part about soccer this year. There hasn't been one specific game that was the highlight, but the way we have progressed throughout the year as a team have made the best memories for us," said Rohren.

It seems for this team the glory isn't in the score at the end of the game, it is in their hearts.

On Top in All Conditions

Boys Track

By Erica Rohren

The Intercity track meet definitely wasn't considered to be taking place under ideal conditions. With storms coming overhead and a gusting wind, the track teams found it difficult to run their best races. But some runners still had an amazing meet.

Runners like juniors Shane Guzman and Preston Smith fought through the 50 degree weather to finish with personal best times in their races. But the runners weren't the only people making huge contributions to U-High's score. Sophomore Jarrett Huff helped U-High in the field events.

Guzman and Smith began the meet by leading the 400 meter relay to a first place victory with a time only one tenth of a second short of the school record. The other two runners in that relay were Warren McCauley and Sean Hastings.

"I just had to tell myself everyone is running in the same conditions and I have to run in a fluent motion and not tighten up," Guzman said.

After the 400 meter relay, Guzman then went on to win the 100 meter in a personal best time of 11 seconds.

"It felt really good to get my personal time, especially in those bad conditions. Everyone is at those meets because the meet is in town, so it gave me a sense

of confidence. I did well under pressure and it felt good," Guzman said.

Guzman then went on to win the 400 meter in 52 seconds. Guzman placed first in two open events and one closed event, but scratched in his other race. He was supposed to be participating in the 200 meter dash, but didn't because he was suffering cramps in his foot and calf.

Preston Smith also won the 300 intermediate hurdles in his personal best time of 41.1 seconds and also anchored in winning the 1,600 meter relay running a 52.4 second leg.

"I didn't expect to do that well, but I didn't let the bad weather get to me and I ended up winning the race," Smith said.

Pole Vaulter Jarrett Huff also took first in Intercity with a height of 11-6. Huff was out for the entire season last year with a knee injury.

His win stopped Bloomington High School's 11 year rein in that event.

"It was awesome to win. I just had a really good meet and happened to win. It felt great to beat Bloomington," Huff said.

U-High ended up third place at Intercity, behind Normal Community and Bloomington High School, but improved in areas they didn't expect to do so well in.



5.3.05

Senior Andy Clark (above) starts off strong for U-High's relay team. Photograph by Allie Jocson. [5.3.05] Sophomore David Johnson (right) competes in the high jump.

Photograph by Allie Jocson.





5.3.05

Senior Nnaemeka Nnamani (top) is in air for his long jump. Photograph by Allie Jocson. **[5.3.05]** Junior Shane Guzman (left) begins his leg of the relay. Photograph by Allie Jocson. **[5.3.05]** Senior Lane Raney (right) gains the lead for U-High. Photograph by Allie Jocson.

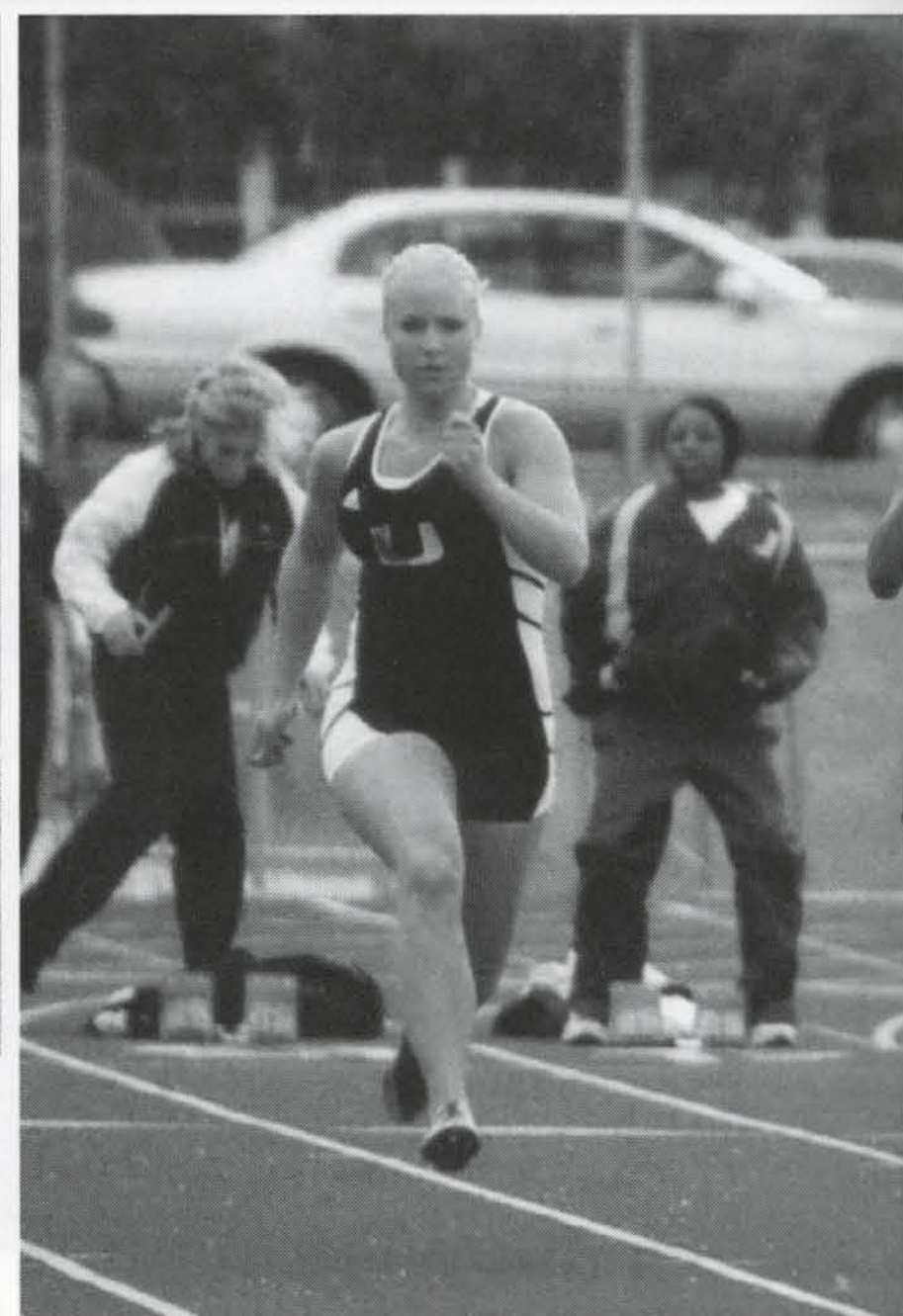
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4.25.05

Senior Chandra Golden (top) competes in hurdles to give U-High the win. Photography by Allie Jocson. Freshmen Lindsay Clements (above) prepares for the handoff to another teammate. [4.25.05] Photograph by Allie Jocson. Senior Stef Dilbeck (right) takes off from the starting blocks. [4.25.05] Photograph by Allie Jocson.

In the Fast Lane

Girls Track

By Katie Campos and Erica Rohren

The track team at U-High is a very hard working, bonded team. They practice countless hours getting down handoffs for relays, starts for sprinting and just plain perfecting running skills. Good running posture is a must for distance runners.

One of the big track events where they are able to show off their hard work is the girl's intercity track meet. The meet is held every year at Bloomington High School's track.

Starting out the meet are the field events. U-High had team members achieve records and place in the top three; Daniesha Julious being one of them. She was able to pull off two sets of records not only for the meet, but also for her school. She jumped a distance of 37 feet, 6 inches in the triple jump.

"Jumping 37 before state is good," said Julious, and I'm hoping when I go down to state I will get a 38 or 39."

The real competing though is when the relays tough it out in a battle to beat their rivals.

The relay set another record, it being the second fastest time in area history with the time of 48.8 seconds. This is the fourth consecutive year they've won the intercity 400 relay. The lineup of baton handing was set with Stef Dilbeck, Chandra Golden, Julious and Nicole Neal bringing up the rear.

Freshman distance runner Kate Tannura showed off her talent as she swept the victory in the mile.

With a time of 5:30.8 she was clearly in shape and ready for state.

"I didn't do too well in the 800 so I kind of had some energy left," she said.

When the meet came to an end and all points were tallied up U-High had won its title again for the second year in a row.

"I really like the fact it was a complete team effort," said Pioneer coach Jermaine Ware. I think it's the first time they've been able to experience that where one performance would feed off another performance."

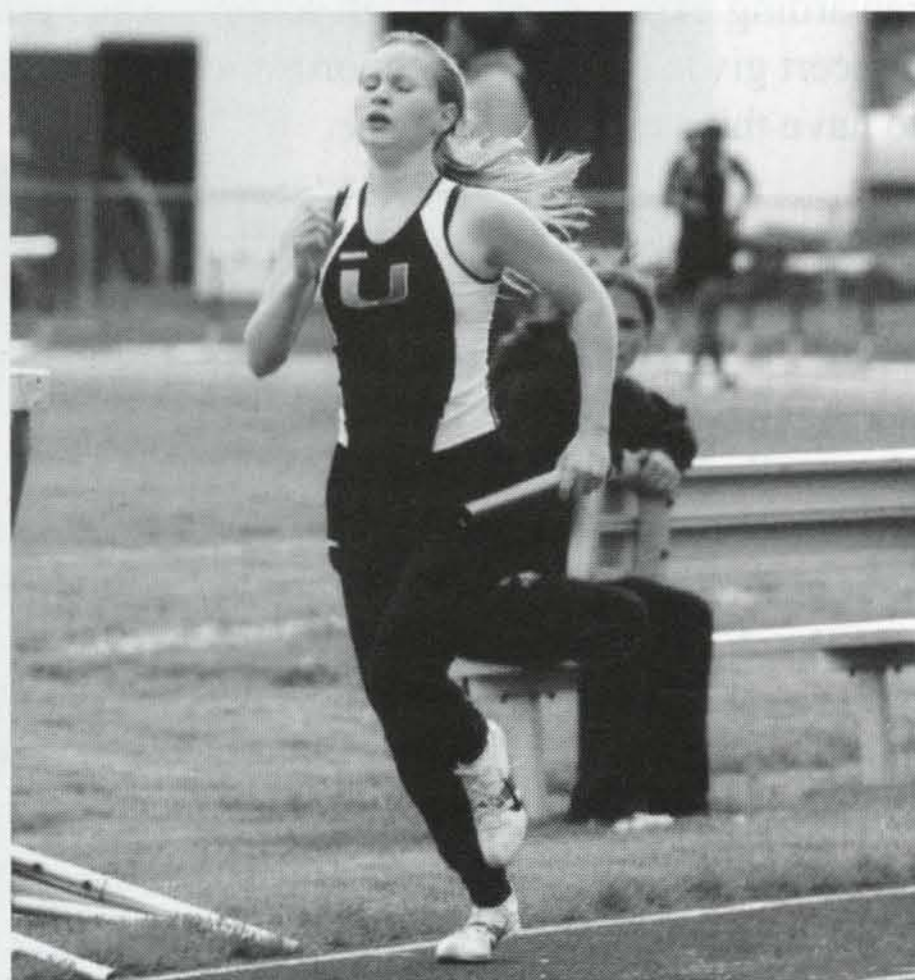
But U-High's accomplishments didn't stop there. The girl's track team went on to win the state track meet, in respectful fashion, bringing home many individual state champions as well.

Dilbeck, Neal and Julious competed in both the record breaking 4-by-100 meter relay and the champion 4-by-200 meter relay teams with Golden being the 4th competitor in the 4-by-100 and Tanya Brown being the 4th competitor in the 4-by-200.

Golden also won the 100 meter hurdles for the second year in a row. She said as amazing as it was to win it once, the second time around felt just as special.

Tannura didn't let freshmen jitters get to her. She had an amazing performance and came out on top of the 800.

These hard working runners contributed to an amazing feeling of winning a state championship. You couldn't possibly ask for more from a student-athlete.

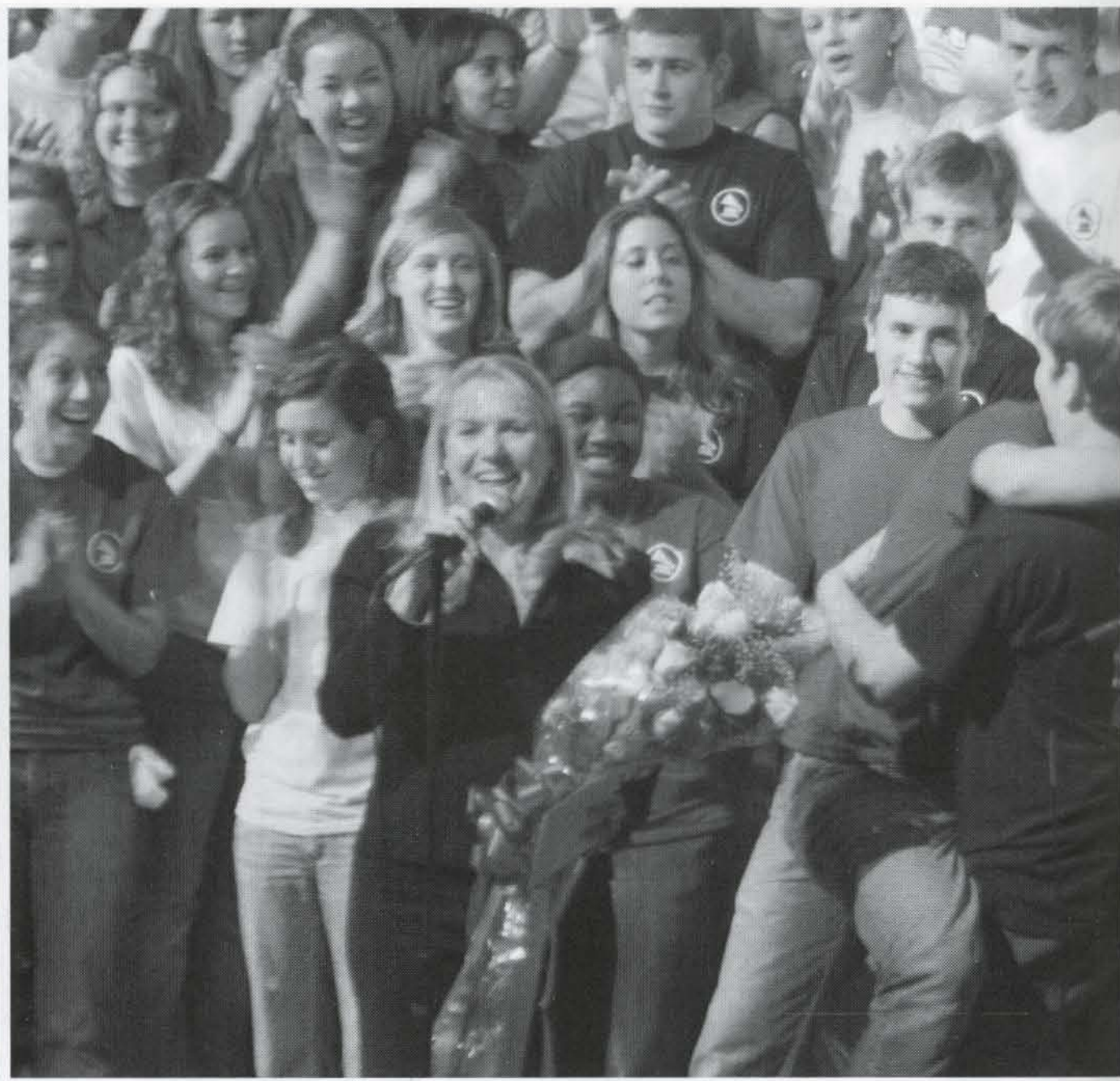
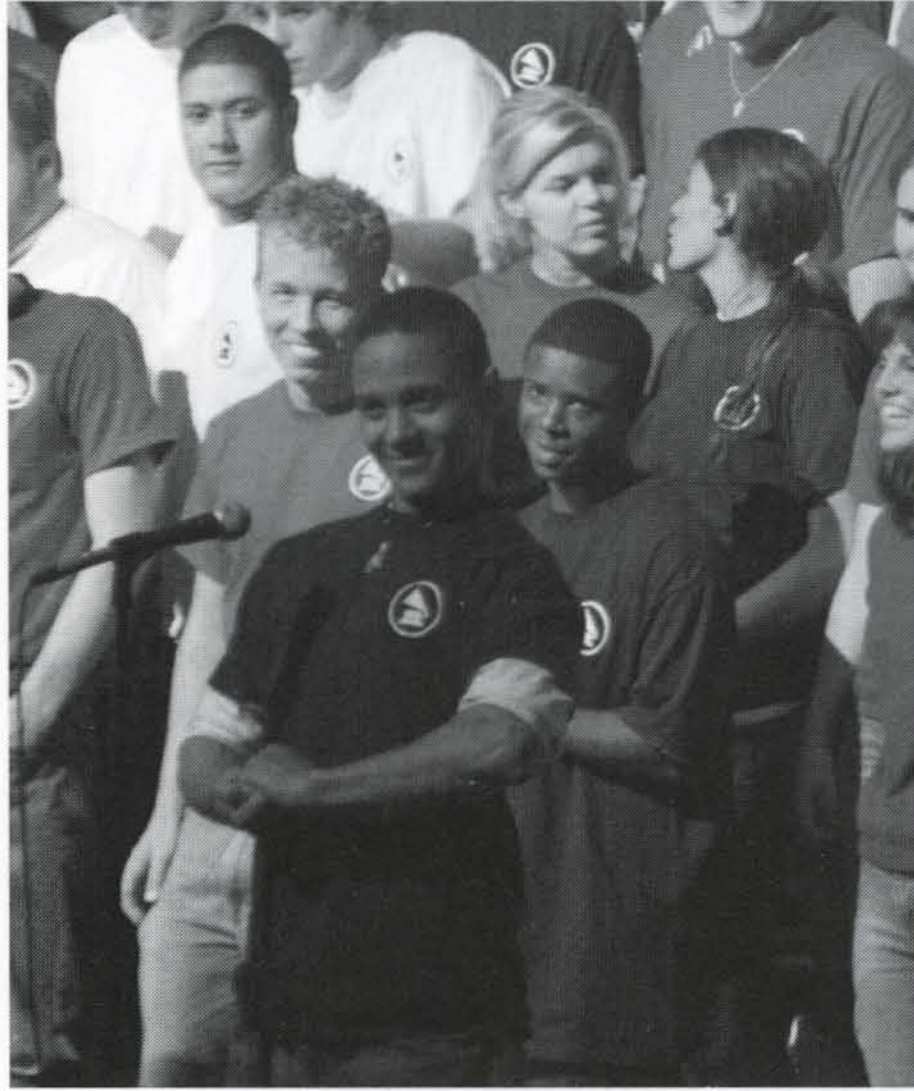


4.25.05

Junior Nicole Neal (left) gains a strong lead from the starting point. [4.25.05] Photograph by Allie Jocson. Freshmen Allyssa Kennel (above) continues strong in the relay. [4.25.05] Photograph by Allie Jocson.

5.16.05

Quentin Hursey (below) poses to the crowd after singing his solo. Photograph courtesy of the Lehner family. [5.16.05] Mrs. Corpus recognizes the seniors and accepts flowers from them. Photograph courtesy of the Lehner family.



First Time Solos

Senior Chorus Concert

By Melissa Morrow

As she stepped up to the microphone she shook and trembled. The one thing she wanted was get it over with. Singing a solo in front of a packed auditorium of friends and family can be one of the scariest, but most rewarding experiences of high school. The spring chorus concert gives every senior chorus member the opportunity to have this unique experience.

Senior, Meredith Skaggs' first experience with this was at the spring concert, entitled "And the Winner is...a Lifetime of Grammy Awards."

"It is really fun to sing a solo because you can personalize the music you are singing," Skaggs said. "It is also really nerve racking."

"I had never sung a solo in front of an audience, so it was really scary," Skaggs said. "I got really nervous and shook for about ten minutes."

The spring chorus concert is a unique aspect of choir at U-High. This year's senior class, of fifty people, worked through arguments to decide on a thirty-five song medley featuring, You Can Call Me Al, Bad, I Will Always Love You, My Heart Will Go On, Man! I Feel Like a Woman, Cry Me a River, and Hey Ya!

"The spring concert is different because all of the choirs get to sing together and we get to sing popular music," Skaggs said. "It is also a lot more laid back."

Also, every year Mrs. Corpus puts together a rhythm section to help make the non-traditional selections that the seniors choose sound realistic. This year alumni Talia Dicker and Mike Neal were joined by sophomores Alex Rodriguez and Justin Tanaka in the rhythm section.

"The best part of the concert was hearing the senior soloists and the events that were not part of the medley because you could hear the really outstanding singers," Skaggs said. "The most memorable moment of the concert was when Alden took the microphone when he wasn't supposed to, and wished a happy birthday to his mom," Skaggs said.

The goal of this night is to honor the seniors. All fifty senior chorus members were represented either by a singing a solo or reading a narration during the medley.

Mrs. Corpus also uses this concert as an opportunity to recognize several outstanding members of chorus. She gave several awards to seniors with the top award, the National School Choral Award, going to Patrick Turner and Alex Preller.

After all of the shaking a trembling Skaggs managed to successfully complete her first solo. "I think my solo (in Faith Hill's Breathe) went alright," Skaggs said. "I think I was in the right key and my pants didn't fall down, so that's good!"



5.16.05

Sophie Mikals (bottom) gets ready to start her solo. Photograph courtesy of the Lehner family. **[5.16.05]** Seniors (below) get recognized and given flowers as their last time on U-High's stage. Photograph courtesy of the Lehner family. **[5.16.05]** Katie Karl (right) singing away for the crowd. Photo courtesy of the Lehner family.



4.23.05

Senior Megan Sage (below) displays one of the many colors of the dream coat. Photograph courtesy of U-High Theater department. [4.23.05] Sophomore Alyssa Hursey (right) plays the part of an Egyptian queen. Photograph courtesy of U-High Theater department. [4.23.05] Junior Will Irvin (bottom) portrays the part of the Pharaoh impersonating Elvis. Photograph courtesy of U-High Theater department.





4.23.05

U-High Alum Brandon Albee joins math teacher Mike Sondegroth (left) in the play. Photograph courtesy of U-High Theater department. [4.23.05] Leah Pryor (below) narrates the story of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Photograph courtesy of U-High Theater department.



Cast of All Ages Spring Play

By Abby Meisner

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat was a major production which involves not only students from U-High, but ISU and Metcalf as well. The U-High staff also had a part in the play. Math teacher Mike Sondegroth played Jacob, the father of Joseph. The director, L. Jane Thomley, is a U-High alum who has directed Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat three times.

This musical production tells the Biblical story of Joseph and his eleven brothers and how they betray him. U-High alum Brandon Albee, who now attends ISU, played Joseph. The narrator was senior Leah Pryor. Albee and Pryor both had numerous solos and performed excellently.

For the audience, this musical was amazing, for the cast, it was even better. So much hard work and effort was put into the making of this production, but everything was worth it. Spending as much time together as these people did makes very strong friendships.

"One of my favorite parts of being in the play was meeting and talking with people that I had never met, or that I never get to see in school," senior Quentin Hursey said.

Hursey played Asher, a brother of Joseph, and also did some last minute additional parts because alum

Peter Lamonica became sick and could not perform.

Will Irvin agreed with Hursey saying, "My favorite part of the play was the huge amount of people I became friends with because of the time we spent together. It was also great getting the opportunity to see some of my old friends, who are now alumni that I never get to see." Irvin played the part of Pharaoh.

He didn't make an appearance until the second act, but when he appeared the audience applauded wildly for this Elvis inspired character.

Melissa Basolo echoed Hursey and Irvin saying that being with friends in the play was the best part about being involved in it.

Obviously, getting along with each other is a big factor in a production such as this, if it wasn't for the great camaraderie of this cast, the play wouldn't have been quite the success that it was.

Besides having an outstanding cast, there were also a lot of other people who may have gone unnoticed.

The orchestra provided amazing music for all the songs that were performed. The crew did numerous jobs, such as set, lights, costumes, make-up, props, and sound. Without these things this play would have been nothing. Everything came together perfectly to make a memorable production.

Just Like Royalty

Prom 2005

By Catherine Anhalt

For senior Tyler Brown, winning Prom Queen or even being on court was out of this world. She already knew she was going to have an amazing time no matter what; she had a beautiful dress, her first date to a formal dance, and this was her last Prom.

"If someone had asked me freshman year if I thought I would be on prom court, the answer would be no, Tyler said. Seeing my name on the ballot was unreal."

After the court was announced and all were on stage, there was nothing to do but wait for the winners to be revealed. All of the court members were anxious and eager to hear who had won.

2005 Prom court members were Tom Alldridge, Lindsay Bertsche, Tyler Brown, Taylor Brucker, Allie Jocson, Mallory McCoy, Mike McMillan, Collin Reeser, Evan Savage, Anna Schilawski, Keely Scott, Patrick Turner, Chance Walker and Jake Weis.

Mike Sondgeroth was the MC for the night and first announced Evan Savage as prom king, then Tyler as queen.

"When they called my name my mind went blank. I didn't hear anyone cheering, all I saw was my sister's face," Tyler said.

Tyler's sister, Teryn, won last year and came back for Grand March to crown the new queen.

"When they announced that she had won, all I could think about was how unbelievably awesome the

whole thing was. I was so proud of her," Teryn said.

"My mom filmed the coronation and the camera was steady the whole time," Tyler said. "When my name was called you could hear her screaming and the camera went wild. All of my family was crying when my sister crowned me," Tyler said.

Some see Prom King and Queen only as a crown or popularity contest. Tyler believes that her election is more than just a crown.

"I think being prom queen is being an example to others. It's a sign of being well liked among your peers," Tyler said.

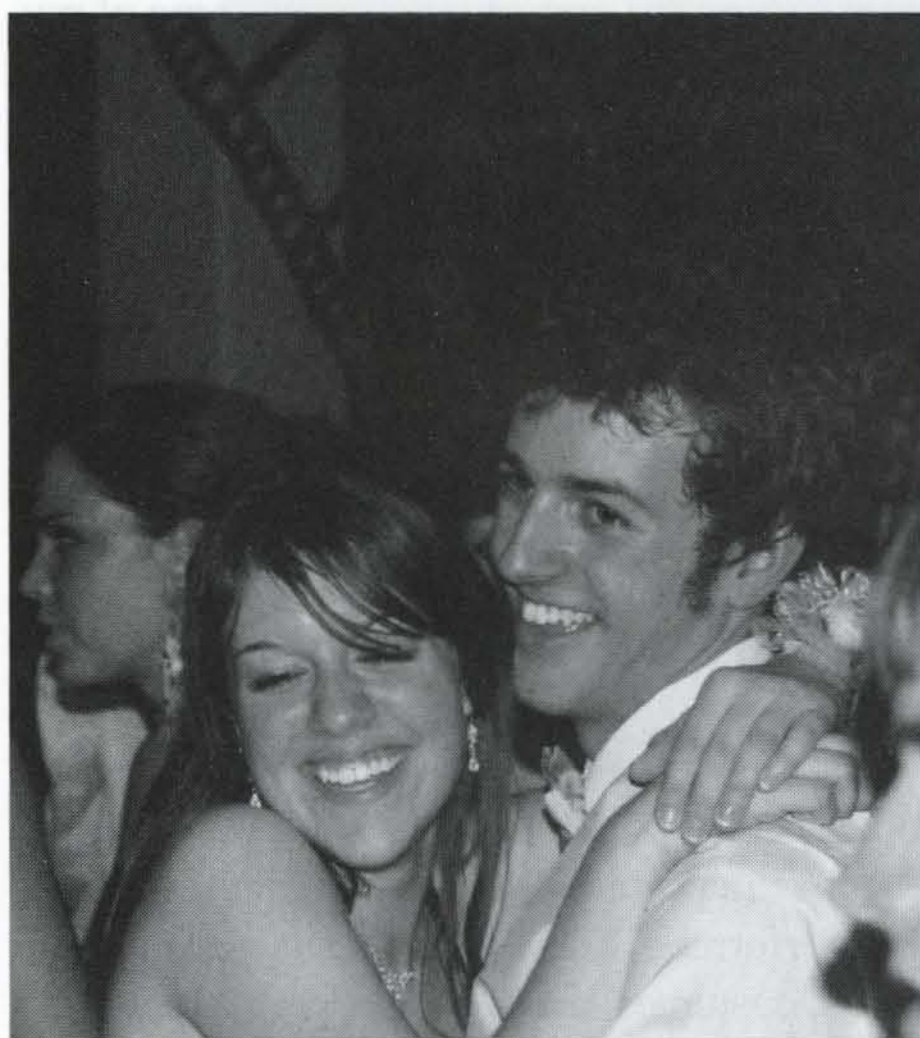
"I felt like a celebrity! The night went by so fast, I had an amazing time. I wouldn't have changed one thing about that night, it was perfect," Tyler said.

Having Teryn win in 2004 and Tyler in 2005, many people see Tyler following in her sister's footsteps, but Teryn wouldn't put it that way.

"It actually feels the other way around. There have been a lot of times where I have always wanted to be more like her, Teryn said. The truth is that I am who I am today because of her."

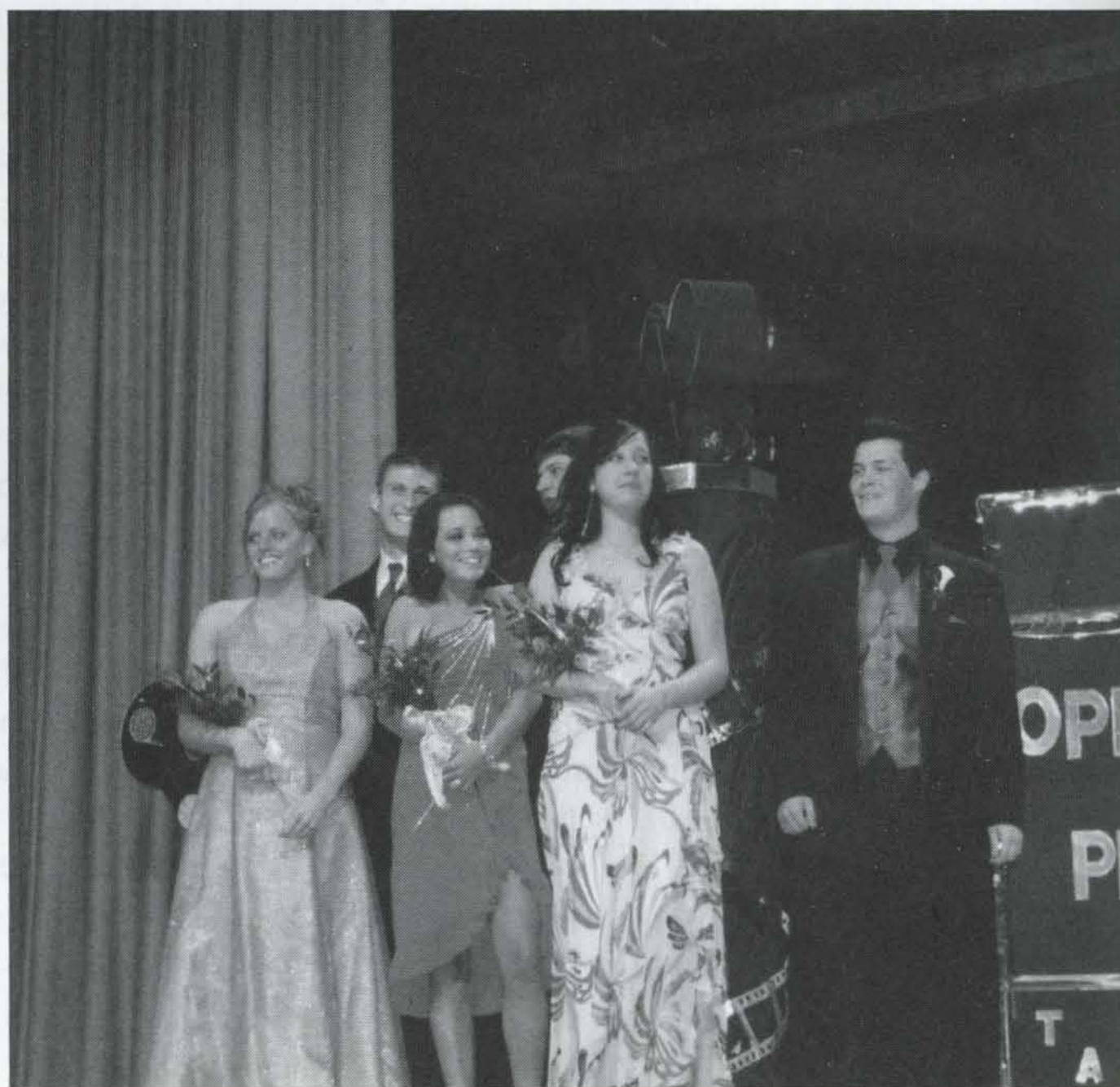
The Brown's youngest sibling, William, doesn't attend U-High yet, but thoughts about prom king are already beginning to circulate.

"Many people already said he has to be prom king to seal the deal. I'll definitely be campaigning for him," Tyler said.



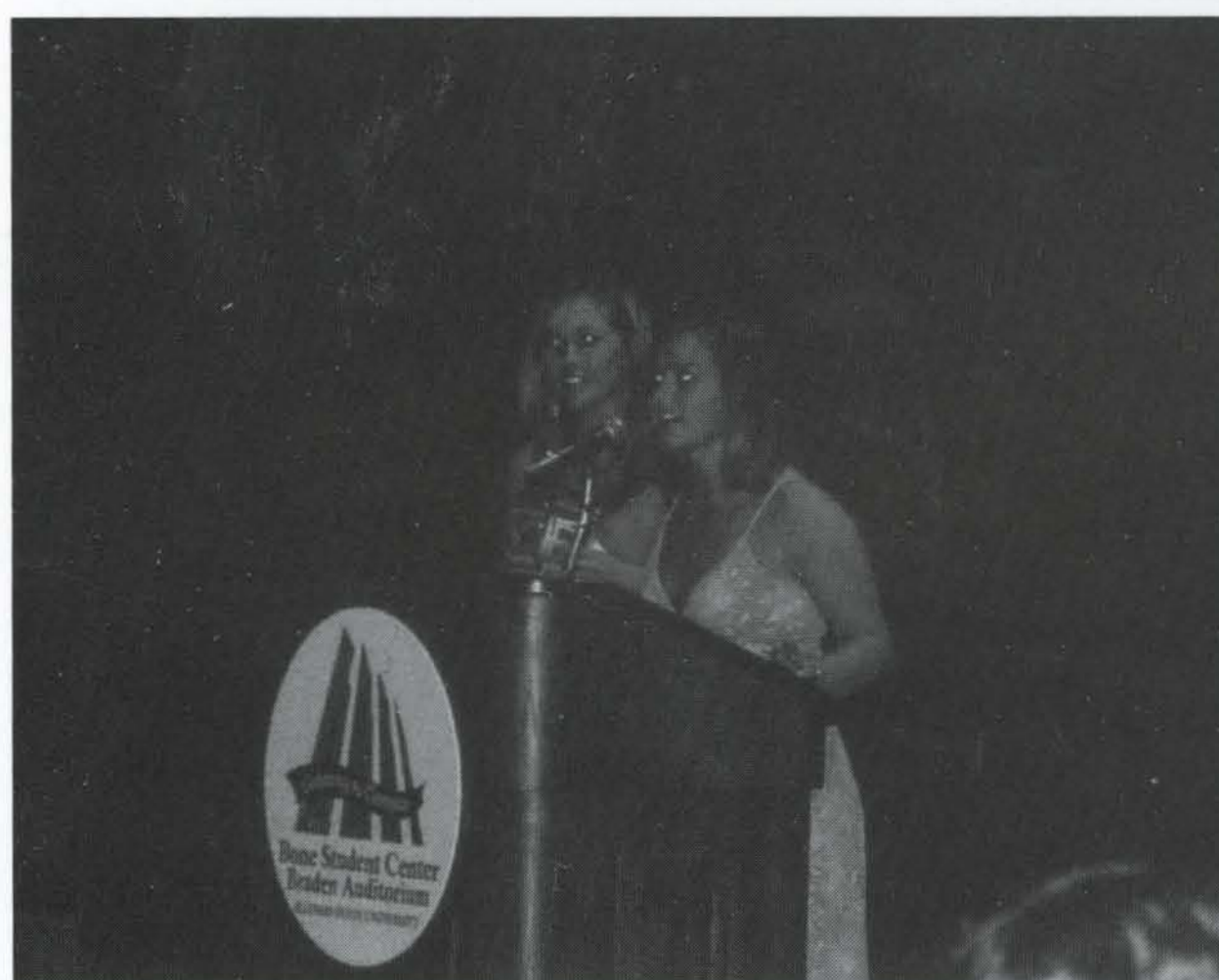
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Junior Chris Modos and sophomore Justine Harris (above) dance during a slow song at prom. Photograph by Rachel Solava. [4.30.05] Senior court members (right) pose for pictures after being escorted on stage. Photograph by Rachel Solava.





4.30.05 2004 Queen and King (top) return to stage to crown the 2005 king and queen as the court members wait in anticipation. Photograph by Rachel Solava. **[4.30.05]** Tyler Brown and Evan Savage (left) pose for pictures after being crowned. Photograph by Rachel Solava. **[4.30.05]** Seniors Amy Pacilio and Evan Savage having fun at the dance. Photograph by Rachel Solava.



5.18.05

Students gathered outside the school for one last student body photo. Photograph courtesy and copyright of Photography by Kent. [5.18.05] Anna Schilawski and Melissa Basolo (above) called off names for the senior superlatives. Photograph by Laurel White. [5.18.05] Andrew Bass (right) shows off his toilet paper after receiving the award for most likely to live in a trailer. Photograph by Laurel White.



The “Best”, “Most” and “Least”

Senior Brunch

By Felicia Suchman

After the awards assembly, seniors celebrate completing high school on their last day with a senior brunch. There were feelings of excitement and sadness floating around. The atmosphere was both fun and depressing at the same time.

“Graduating is sadder than I thought it would be, leaving all my friends behind,” said Quentin Hursey who will be attending Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville.

Sarah Hall said she had mixed emotions. “Part of me is happy. I’m ready to move on but part of me is sad. These people have become my family.”

For some seniors, U-High will always be a part of them.

“I’m excited but I know I’ll always come back for football games,” said Samantha Vasquez.

After the seniors finished eating, they had a guest speaker, 1976 U-High graduate, Martin Castner, who talked about the alumni program and web site where students could keep track of their fellow classmates over the years by looking for their e-mail addresses posted on the web site.

Finally, the senior superlative awards were given out by Melissa Basolo and Anna Schilawski. Some of them were very amusing for the seniors. There were cat-

egories like “best body”, “best athlete”, “best hair”, “best smile”, and “most likely to be our next president and first lady”.

Some awards had special gifts to make the award funnier or more memorable. Alex Preller and Katie Sliney received calculators for being teachers’ pets and Friday night studiers. For biggest ditz, Taylor Brucker received Chicken of the Sea tuna to imitate Jessica Simpson and Bryce Morton received Airheads candy. Andrew Bass was voted “most likely to live in a van down by the river” and was given some rolls of toilet paper.

After the senior superlative awards were all given out, everyone was dismissed. Groups gathered to hug and take more pictures.

Three of the Trinity Lutheran students hugged for a picture and talked about junior high days as well as a large group of students that attended Chiddix.

“I’m excited for college. It’s something new and different,” said Gena Covert who attended Trinity Lutheran.

“I’m excited to get out but sad because I will miss all my friends. We’re not all going to the same place,” said Sophia Wan who attended Chiddix.

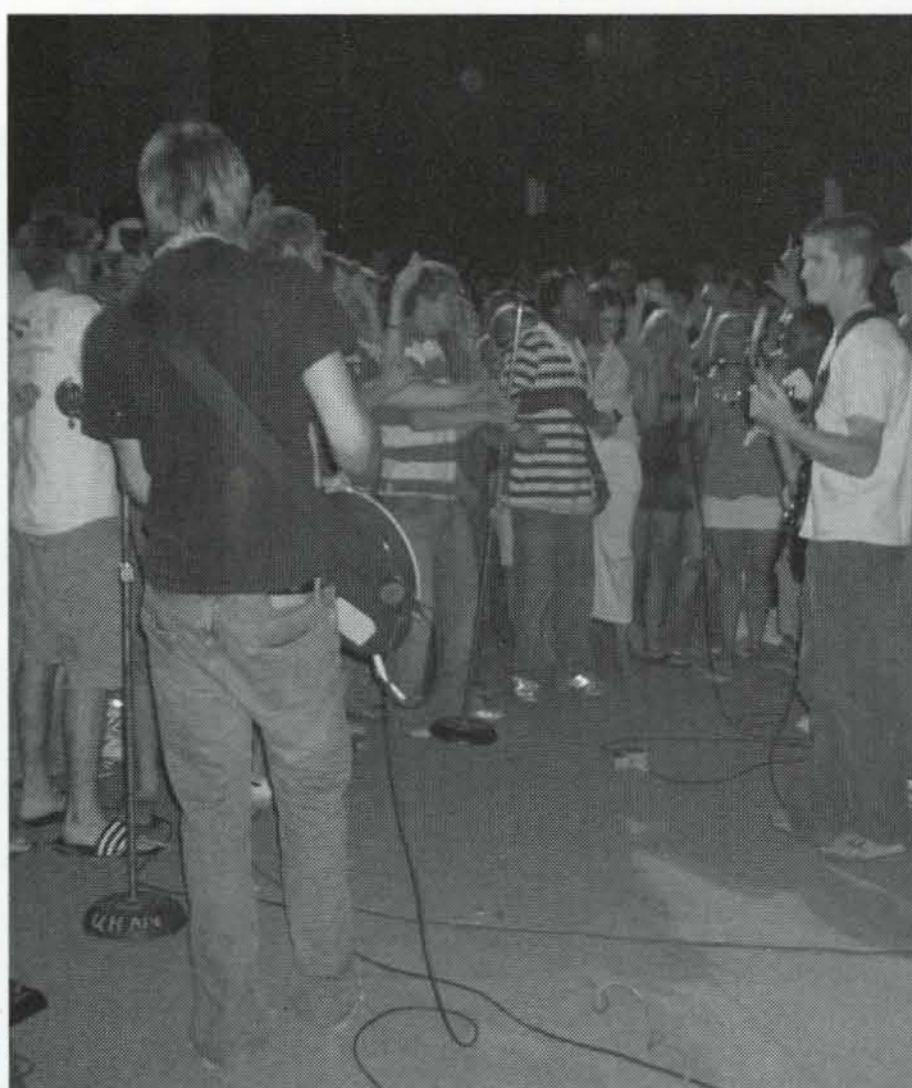
All in all, the seniors seemed to have a good time. They said their good-byes, celebrated leaving U-High, but were ready to move on.



5.18.05

Students (left) enjoyed their brunch and friends on their last day together before getting their awards. Photograph by Laurel White. [5.18.05] Natalie Nybakke shows off her award as she walks back to her seat. Photograph by Laurel White.

5.21.05 Seniors (below) sing along with music played during Class Night. Photograph by Allie Jocson.
[5.21.05] Seniors (right) wait to watch the Class Night video. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



A Beautiful Goodbye Class Night

By Lisa English

Class night could quite possibly be U-High's most loved tradition. Between passing the lamp of knowledge and the moving of the classes, U-High students look forward to that night at the beginning of every year.

"This year's class night was a lot funnier than last year's because all the students understood the jokes and everyone was really involved with the video," said Senior Rachel Olsen.

What made this year's class night special from any other year were the faculty videos and the fact that the faculty was able to poke fun at themselves.

"We wanted to make a video that would make light of the funny things we know we do," said Principal Christensen, "Our goal was to stay away from making fun of particular students and I think the student body was really impressed with it."

"Given the strict circumstances we had while making the tape we did really well because there was no poking fun at any certain students and it turned out a lot better than what people thought it would," said Senior Erica Rohren.

Every year there is some kind of concern on whether or not class night will be taken away. In the past, there's been great controversy over the video and what's allowed in.

"Everyone had the option to submit a video that usually includes a wide variety of jokes," said Senior Megan Sage, "We were able to have videos like the 'Office Linebacker' that made fun of rules that were enforced this year at U-High."

The grand finale of class night is the passing of the classes. It is one of U-High's most loved traditions. Students feel the realization of the fact that they are now a class above what they were.

"Moving from my junior seat to my senior seat was exciting and at that time it made me realize how fast my last year of high school was approaching," said junior Alex Clark-Payne.

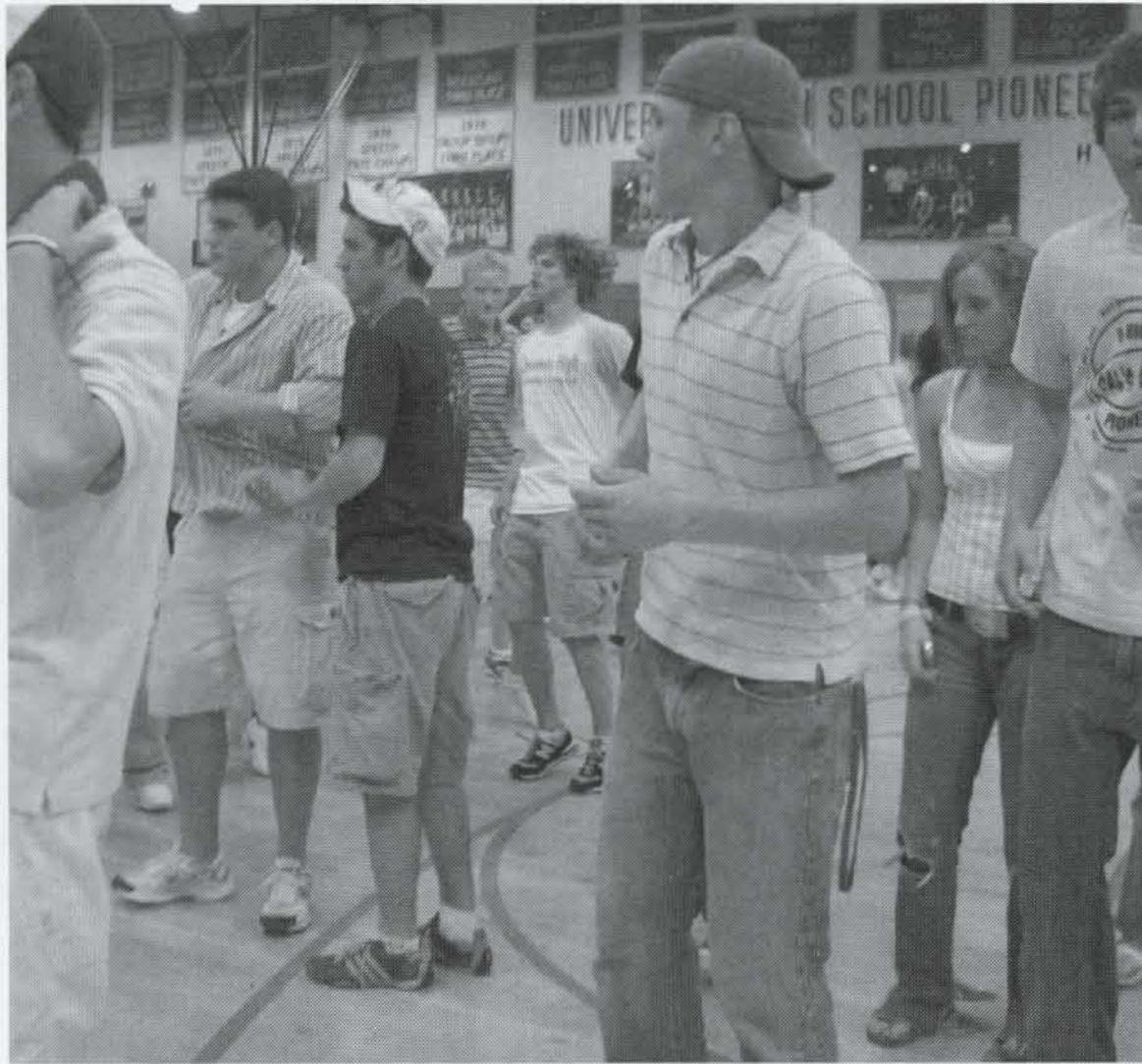
There were many sad faces as class night ended and the seniors walked out of Stroud for the last time. As everyone made their way to dance, there were many good-byes and many tears.

Not only did the seniors say goodbye to some of their best friends, but they said goodbye to U-High as a whole. There were students that some thought they wouldn't mind leaving, but when it came down to that last night, they found something they'd miss about every one of their fellow graduates.

It was the senior's time to end one chapter of their life and move on to the next.

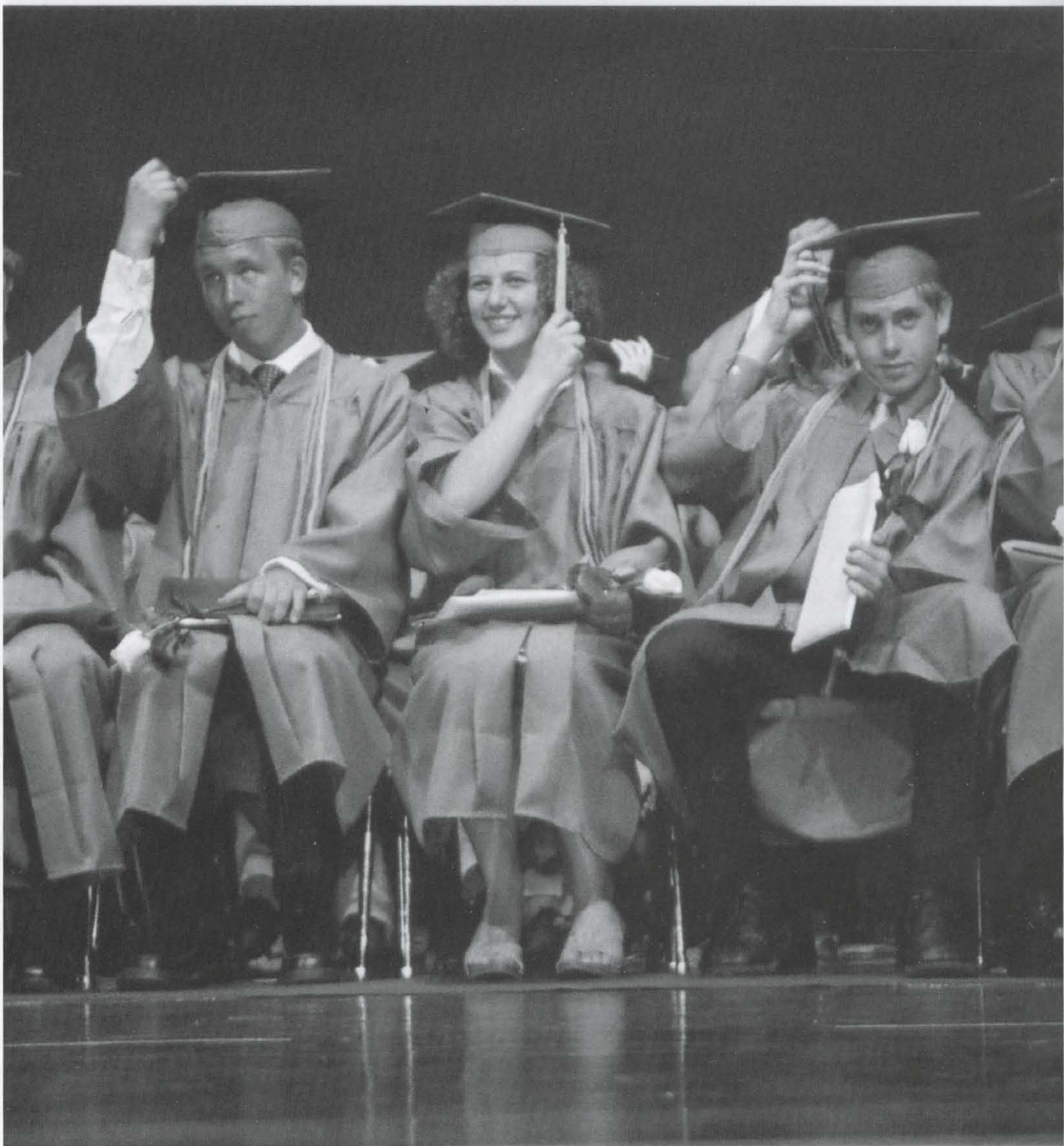
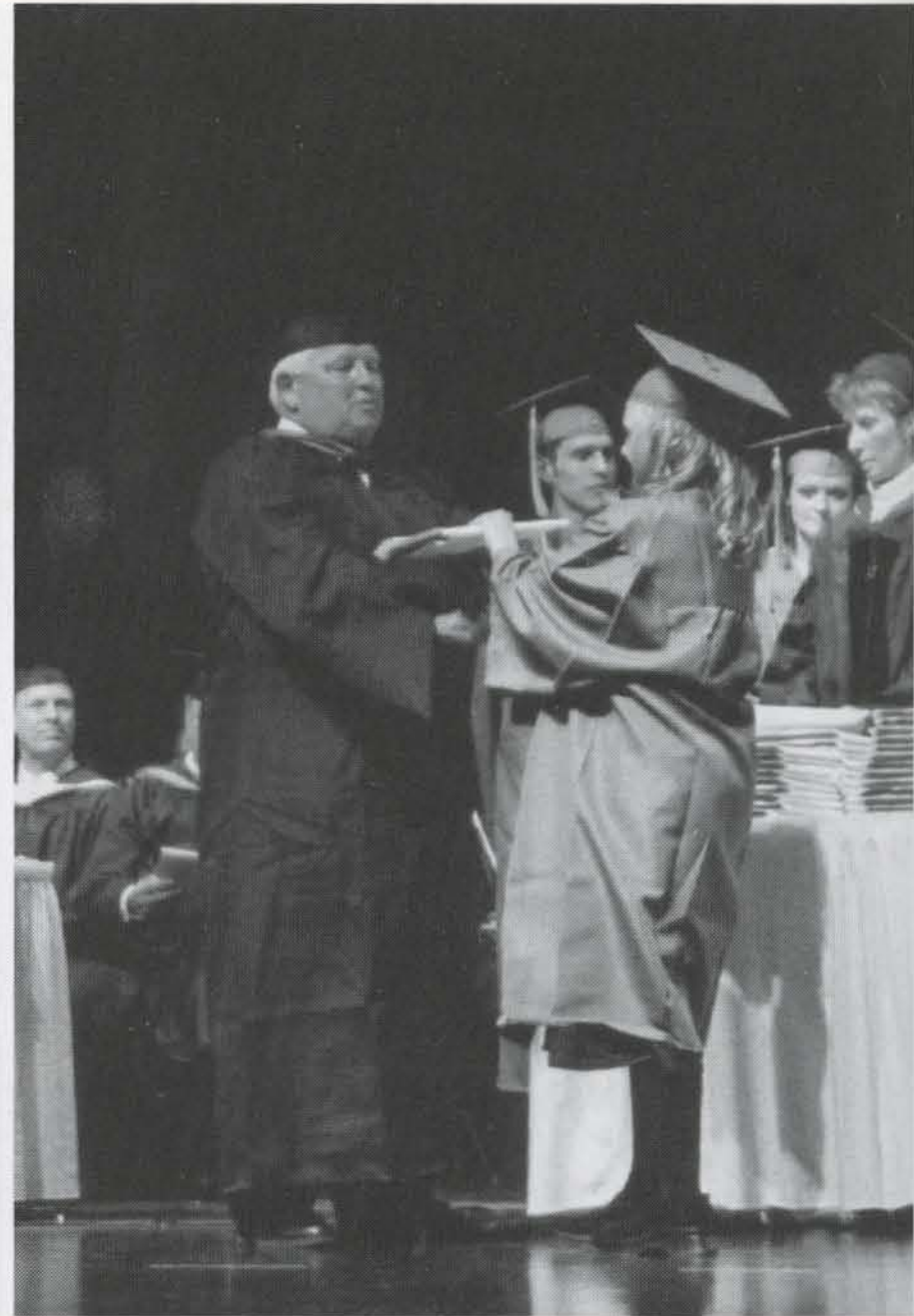


5.21.05 Josh Heimerdinger (left) takes a break from dancing. Photograph by Allie Jocson. **[5.21.05]** Brad Meier (below) does the electric slide with fellow graduates during the class night dance. Photograph by Allie Jocson. **[5.21.05]** Keely Scott and Evan Savage (bottom) give their crowd cheering performance. Photograph by Allie Jocson.



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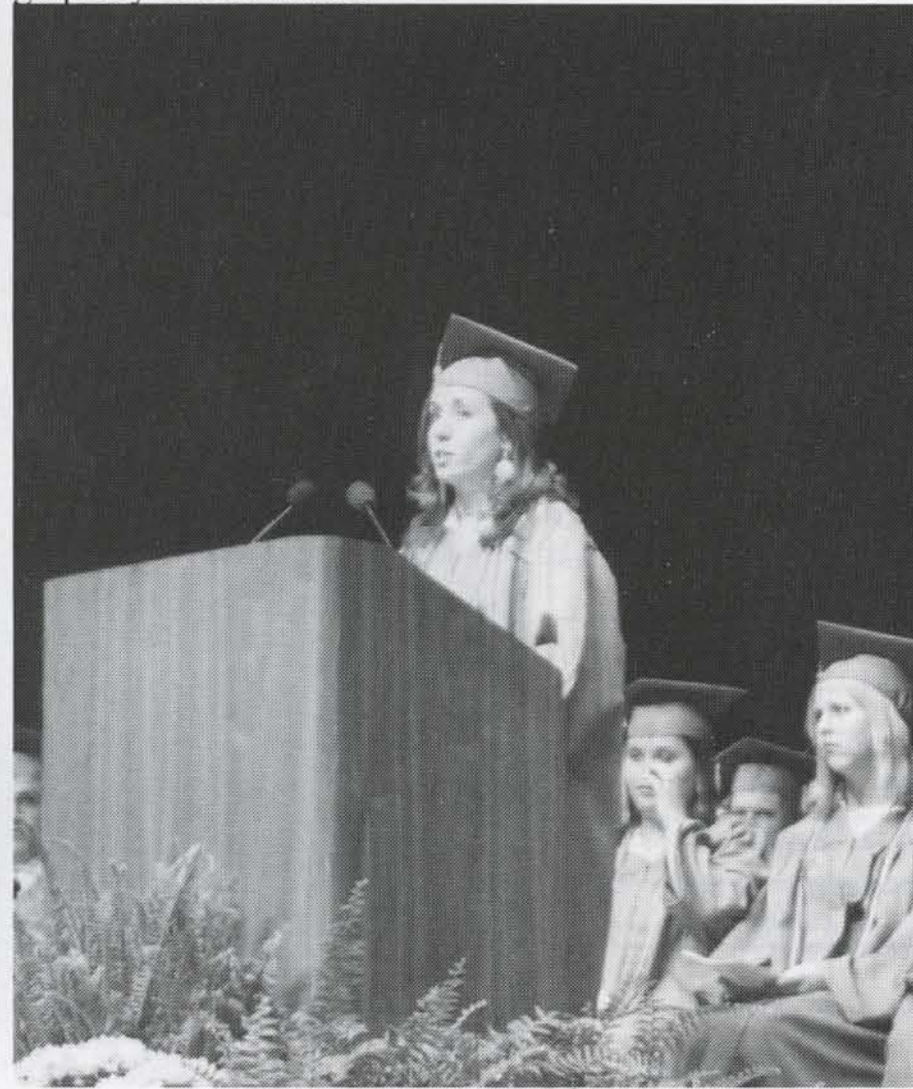
The choir (below) sings the Alma mater. Photograph by Laurel White.
[5.27.05] Jill Stralow (right) receives her diploma from Mr. Christensen.
Photograph by Laurel White. [5.27.05] Matt Lehner, Stephanie Donnan,
and Patrick Turner (bottom) move their tassels symbolizing the end of their
high school year. Photograph by Laurel White.





5.27.05

A group of students (left) get in line to receive their diplomas. Photograph by Laurel White. [5.27.05] Whitney Phillips (below) recites her speech to everyone. Photograph by Laurel White.



Last Good byes

2005 Graduation

By Drew Daudelin

Four years of excitement, anxiety, cramming for tests, dressing up for dances, remembering the past and worrying about the future all comes down to one night: graduation, as the class of 2005 came together for the last time.

After each student finished taking their seat on stage, student body president Jay Mishra addressed the audience and introduced what he thought to be "the greatest class to ever pass through U-High."

Principal Jerry Christensen then talked to the audience about the many achievements of the class of 2005. He commended individual students for their success in their academic and societal contributions from all their four years at U-High. Finally, he acknowledged that none of these success stories could have been fulfilled without the generous contributions of all the U-High parents.

After hearing Mr. Christensen talk about their years at U-High, the students got to give their own personal accounts of their four years here.

Whitney Phillips talked about her first day of school and how rough it was to adjust to the high-school life, and later praised how U-High is a great transition into the world.

"The world is not going to come as a shock to us...you are ready for the world, I only question whether it is ready for you," said Phillips.

Matt Lehner then talked about the history of U-High, and what the school has taught him.

"Freedom, knowledge, and high standards are great ideals to go by," Lehner said.

Stephanie Donnan spoke about her experience coming to U-High from a small school in Heyworth, and how important she thought it was to get to know everyone as a friend.

Finally, Tiara Randle talked about her reluctant choice to move to U-High from a larger public school, but also how she learned what a huge value responsibility can be.

After the speeches the senior chorus members joined together in singing their Alma Mater with chorus teacher Mrs. Corpus.

Then the seniors began the famous ceremony; they lined up to walk across the stage and take their high-school diplomas.

After the last senior sat down, Vice Principal Candice Swift, honored the faculty of U-High and the many teachers that have changed their students' lives.

Graduation night is about celebrating the past, but also entering a new part of your life and realizing what responsibilities lie ahead of you. It is a night full of emotions from both the students and the parents, but with the success, confidence, and knowledge the class of 2005 has, no one is worrying about them.

Boys Golf (25-1)

Date	Team	Results
8/21/04	Macomb Invite	1st Place
8/23/04	Midland Invite	1st Place
8/26/04	BHS/N.Dame/ ElPaso	Win
8/27/04-8/28/04	Monmouth Invite	1st Place
9/2/04	BCC/M-S/Pon- tiac	Win
9/9/04	BHS/Lincoln	2nd Place
9/11/04	Metamora	Win
9/16/04	Livingston Co Invite	1st Place
9/18/04	Havana Invite	1st Place
9/21/04	Intercity	1st Place
9/23/04	BCC/Mahomet	Win
9/25/04	C. Catholic	Win
9/27/04	Olympia	Win
10/2/04	Conference	1st Place
10/5/04	Regional	1st Place
10/12/04	Sectional	1st Place
10/15/04- 10/16/04	State	1st Place

Individual Accomplishments: Bryan Brucker, *Most Improved Varsity*; Jordan VanLoon, *Captain*; Mike McKinzie, *Captain, All Conference*; Tyler McNeely, *Sportsmanship Award, All Conference, All State*; Drew Miller, *All Conference, All State*; Seth Doran, *All Conference*; Dusty Koth, *MVP, All Conference, All State*; William Cullen, *All Conference*; Daniel Vazquez, *Most Improved JV*; Eric Meier, *Newcomer Award*



Front Row: Jason Gendron, Ryan Doubet, Chris Ashley, Sean Dozier, Eric Meier **Second Row:** Tyler McNeely, Michael Fritz, Andrew McNeely, William Cullen, Sam Moses, Daniel Vazquez, Andy McNamee **Third Row:** Dustin Koth, Seth Doran, Drew Miller, Jason Smith, Coach Cullen, Coach Romance, Coach Snell, Bryan Brucker, Mike McKinzie, Jordan VanLoon

Girls Golf (15-0)

Date	Team	Results
8/20/04	BHS Invite	1st Place
9/4/04-9/5/04	Eisenhower Invite	1st Place
9/8/04	Intercity	1st Place
9/11/04	NCHS Invite	1st Place
9/16/04	Livingston County	1st Place
9/25/04	Galesburg Invite	1st Place
10/2/04	Cornbelt Con- ference	1st Place
10/6/04	Regionals	1st Place
10/12/04	Sectionals	1st Place
10/15/04- 10/16/04	State	2nd Place

Individual Accomplishments: Marisa Milligan, *State Qualifier, MVP, 6th Place at State*; Lisa English, *State Qualifier*; Brittany Kilborn, *State Qualifier*; Erica Woodall, *Most Improved*; Chelsea Harris, *State Qualifier*; Cheryl Liang, *State Qualifier*; Kaitlyn Wampler, *State Qualifier, Spirit Award*



Coach Hubbard, Kaitlyn Wampler, Christine Liang, Erica Woodall, Brittany Kilborn, Cheryl Liang, Marisa Milligan, Chelsea Harris, Lisa English, Janelle Galloway, Coach Gault

Varsity Football (4-5)

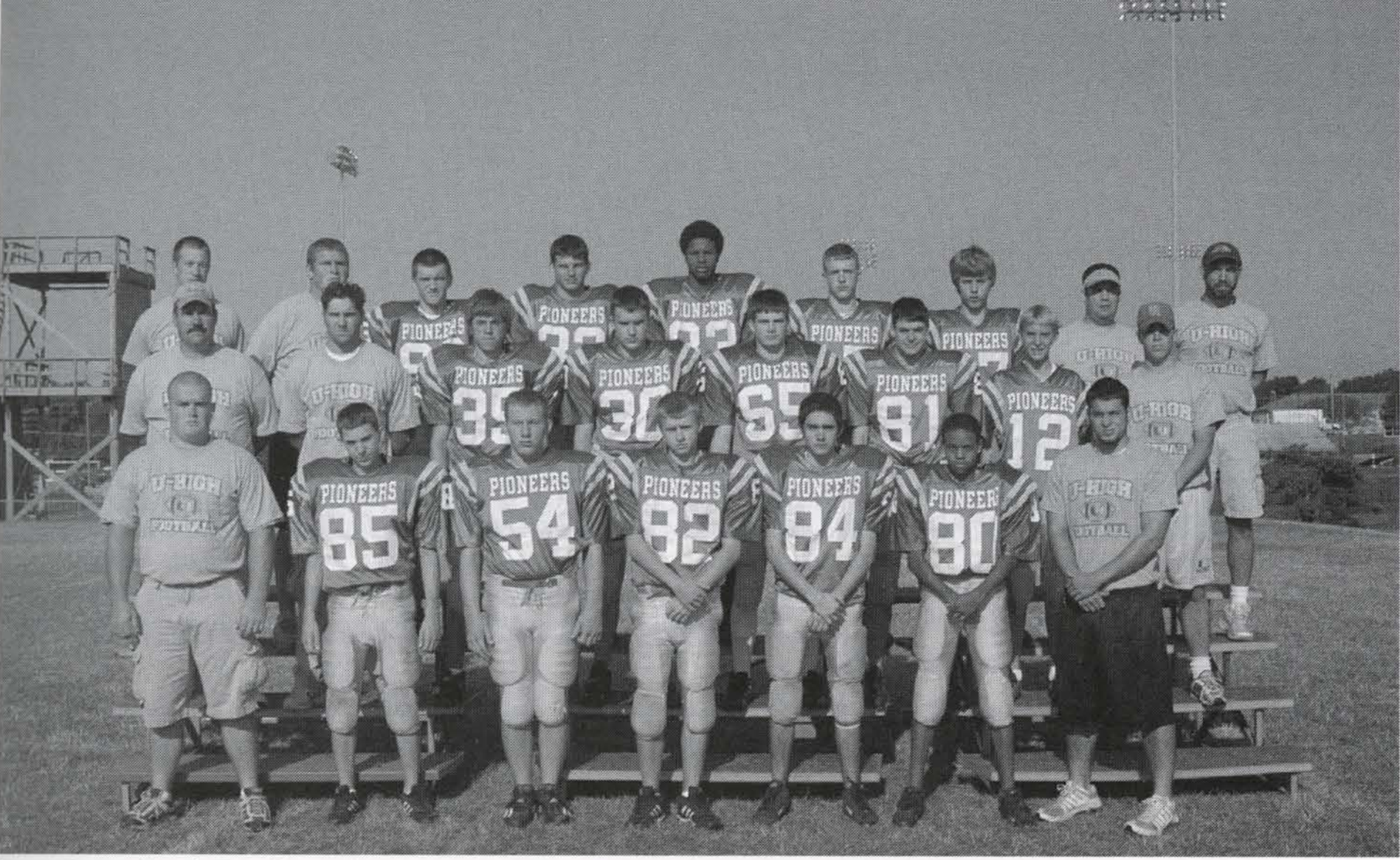


Front Row: Coach Olson, C.J. Johnson, Michael Darrow, Quentin Hursey, Bryce Morton, Jacob Weis, Josh Maher, Kevin Pohlmann, Brad Meier, Josh Huff, Coach Braucht **Second Row:** Brian Rowatt, Matt Reoch, Kirby Henderson, Ben Stone, Matt Schweers, Sam Hendricks, Robert Smith, Nathan Wonnell **Third Row:** Andy Dittbenner, Lane Raney, Josh Cox, Tom Alldridge, Peter Buchignani, Michael Gaston-Bell, Kevin Graden, Jake Warren, Coach Harris **Fourth Row:** Coach Moninger, Coach Holt, Coach Adams

Date	Team	Results
8/28/04	Olympia	30-14
9/3/04	Central Catholic	21-35
9/10/04	Rochester	6-41
9/17/04	Pontiac	28-38
9/24/04	Prairie Central	26-27
10/1/04	Herscher	35-21
10/8/04	Rantoul	31-13
10/15/04	Eureka	38-14
10/22/04	Mahomet	7-34

Individual Accomplishments: Brad Meier, *Coaches Award*; Andy Dittbenner, *Captain, Special Teams Award, WBJC Player of the Week, Offensive MVP*; Josh Cox, *Captain*; C.J. Johnson, *WBJC Player of the Week*; Tom Alldridge, *Captain, Defensive MVP*; Michael Darrow, *H.E.A.T. Award*; Jacob Weis, *Captain*; Matthew Reoch, *Captain, Outstanding Line-man*; Peter Buchignani, *Defensive MVP*; Lane Raney, *Coaches Award*; Kevin Graden, *Most Improved Player*

JV Football (3-5)

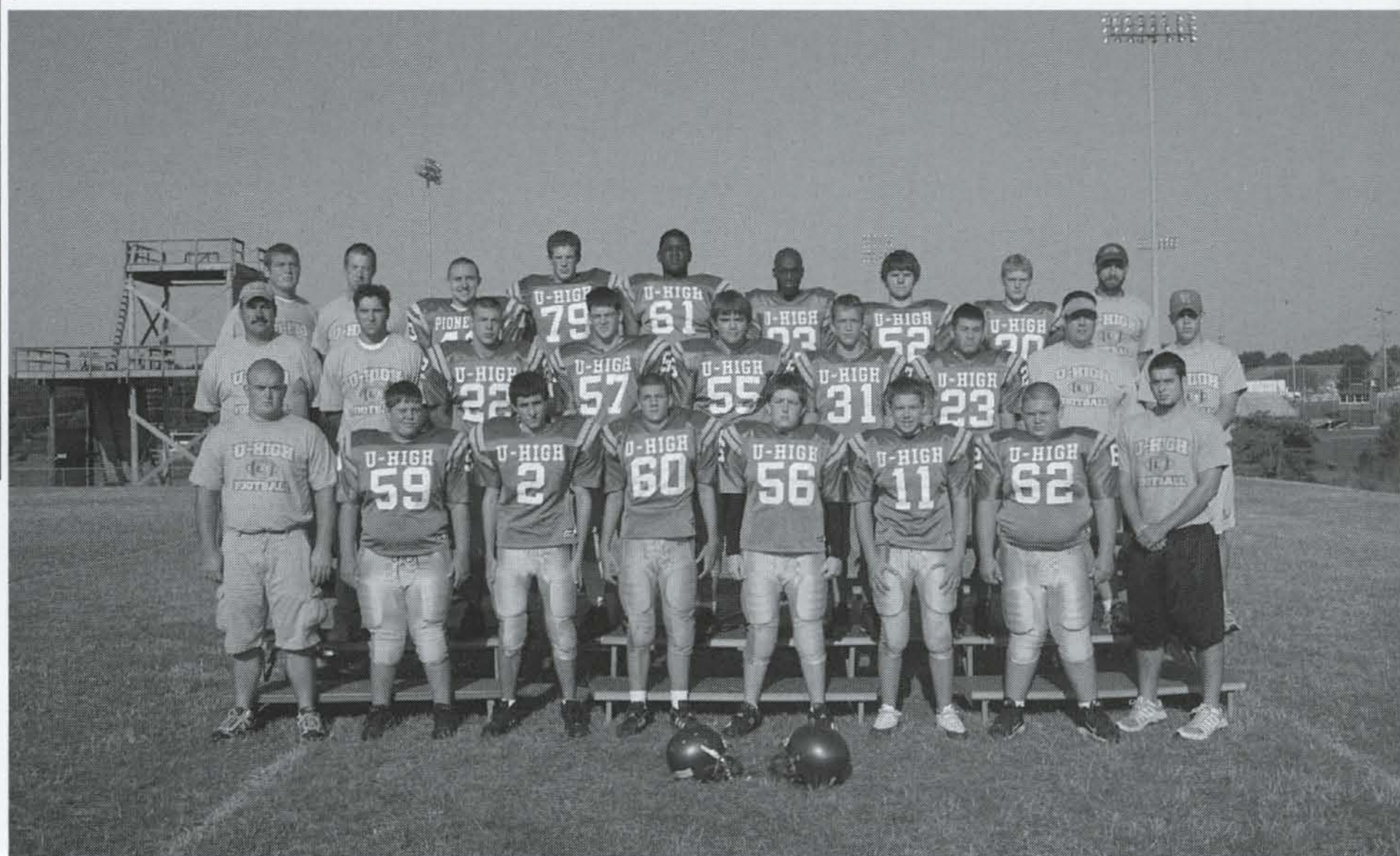


Front Row: Coach Fanning, John Busch, Tom Donnan, Aaron Burnett, Matt Vivirito, Darryl Dopson, Coach Chiodo **Second Row:** Coach Sondgeroth, Coach Thompson, Luke Graning, Nathan Phares, Aaron Walker, Joseph Anhalt, Connor Galloway, Coach Pederson **Third Row:** Coach Eucker, Coach Kashner, Jordan Van Loon, Jake Nord, David Johnson, Tyler Cook, Jacob Shepard, Coach Allen, Coach Troll

Date	Team	Results
8/30/04	Olympia	22-14
9/6/04	Central Catholic	32-14
9/20/04	Pontiac	14-34
9/27/04	Prairie Central	14-42
10/4/04	Herscher	28-8
10/11/04	Rantoul	11-30
10/18/04	Eureka	
10/23/04	Mahomet-Sey-more	14-20

Freshman Football (3-5)

Date	Team	Results
8/28/04	Olympia	Cancelled
9/3/04	Central Catholic	12-0
9/10/05	Rochester	6-42
9/17/04	Pontiac	8-38
9/24/04	Prarie Central	22-30
10/1/04	Herscher	8-30
10/8/04	Rantoul	8-13
10/15/04	Eureka	8-6
10/22/04	Mahomet	18-16



Front Row: Coach Fanning, Bradley Rowatt, Shawn Cardinal, Jacob Augspurger, Kevin Rotsch, Zachary Zentner, Cory Olsen, Coach Chiodo **Second Row:** Coach Sondgeroth, Coach Thompson, Joe Waropay, Nicholas Hutchins, James Krajewski, Daniel Raube, Derek Dauenbaugh, Coach Allen, Coach Pedersen **Third Row:** Coach Kashner, Coach Eucker, Trevor Rappa, Scott Blair, Maxmillian Chambers, Sean Hastings, Matt Skibo, Benjamin Hall, Coach Troll

Boys Varsity Soccer (13:5:4)

Date	Team	Results
8/28/04	Williamsville	Won
9/2/04	NCHS	Lost
9/4/04	Normal West	Won
9/4/04	BHS	Won
9/7/04	Morton	Won
9/8/04	Decatur MacArthur	Won
9/11/04	Peoria Christian	Won
9/15/04	Champaign Central	Lost
9/17/04	Quincy Sr.	Tied
9/18/04	Quincy ND	Tied
9/21/04	Decatur Eisenhower	Won
9/25/04	East Moline	Won
9/27/04	Champaign Central	Tied
10/1/04	Springfield Sacred H.	Won
10/2/04	Gibault	Won
10/2/04	Quincy ND	Lost
10/7/04	Peoria ND	Tied
10/9/04	Springfield	Won
10/13/04	Springfield Griffin	Lost
10/18/04	Streator	Won
10/21/04	Morton	Won
10/23/04	Dunlap	Lost



Front Row: Bryant Carlson, Nick Rule, Cameron Warner, Andrew Clark, Dan Cunningham, Ryan Wahlheim **Second Row:** Matt Hinshaw, Sean O'Malley, Connor Galloway, Philip Hamilton, Mitch Rogers, Josh Ayers, Josh Rule **Third Row:** Coach Fitzgerald, Adam Heissler, Peter Killian, Kurtis Adams, Chance Walker, Coach Fritzen, Jairon Crosson, Nick Grieco, Tomasz Stadnik, Trevor Somers, Justin Beyer

Individual Accomplishments: Chance Walker, *Captain, Sportsmanship Award*; Dan Cunningham, *Elite 8 Tourney Team, IHSSCA All Sectionals*; Josh Ayers, *Most Assists*; Pete Killian, *Captain, Highest Scorer, Elite 8 Tourney Team, IHSSCA All Sectionals*

JV Boys Soccer (12:1:2)



Front Row: Philip Hamilton, Craig Hoskins, Zachary Saajasto, Zach Wall, TJ Dougherty, Matt Mendez, Brandon Hahn, James Scaglia, Joseph Bernhardt, Sean O'Malley **Second Row:** E.J. Schiller, Adam Standard, Nick Endress, Connor Galoway, Jairon Crosson, Coach Fitzgerald, Anthony Duran, Scott Matthews, Jeff Higgins, Clint Vatterrodt

Date	Team	Results
8/28/04	Williamsville	Won
9/2/04	NCHS	Won
9/4/04	Normal West	Won
9/4/04	BHS	Won
9/7/04	Morton	Tied
9/8/04	Decatur MacArthur	Won
9/11/04	Peoria Christian	Won
9/15/04	Champaign Central	Won
9/17/04	Quincy Sr.	Lost
9/18/04	Quincy ND	Won
9/21/04	Decatur Eisenhower	Won
9/25/04	East Moline	Won
9/27/04	Champaign Central	Won
10/7/04	Peoria ND	Tied
10/9/04	Springfield	Won

Girls Varsity Tennis (5-3)



Front Row: Yu Xi Tian, Monica Kao, Madhuri Paravastu, Sheena Bhayana, Hong Nan; **Second Row:** Hayley Harroun, Jessica Byerly, Alexandria Clark-Payne, Jasmine Harris, Catherine Butts, Jenna Whitehart; **Third Row:** Bob Ranyan, Kelsey Ellefson, Erica Olson, Nandini Bhat, Emily Stevens, Kathleen Johnson

Date	Team	Results
8/27/04-8/28/04	Springfield Tourn.	Placed 10th
8/31/04	Peoria Notre Dame	Loss
9/2/04	Normal West	Loss
9/4/04	Springfield Griffin	Placed 2nd
9/9/04	Peori Woodruff	Won
9/11/04	BHS Invite	Placed 10th
9/14/04	Pontiac	Win
9/15/04	Springfield High	Loss
9/17/04-9/18/04	BHS Invite	Placed 11th
9/22/04	St. Teresa	Win
10/1-2/04	BHS Invite	Places 15th
10/5/04	Rantoul	Win
10/7/04	Central Catholic	Win
10/16/04	Sectionals	3rd Place (individual; Catherine Butts)
10/22/04	State	First round elimination

Individual Accomplishments: Nandini Bhat, *Sportsmanship Award*; Catherine Butts, *State Qualifier, Team MVP*; Anna Schilawski *Team Captain*

Boys Cross Country

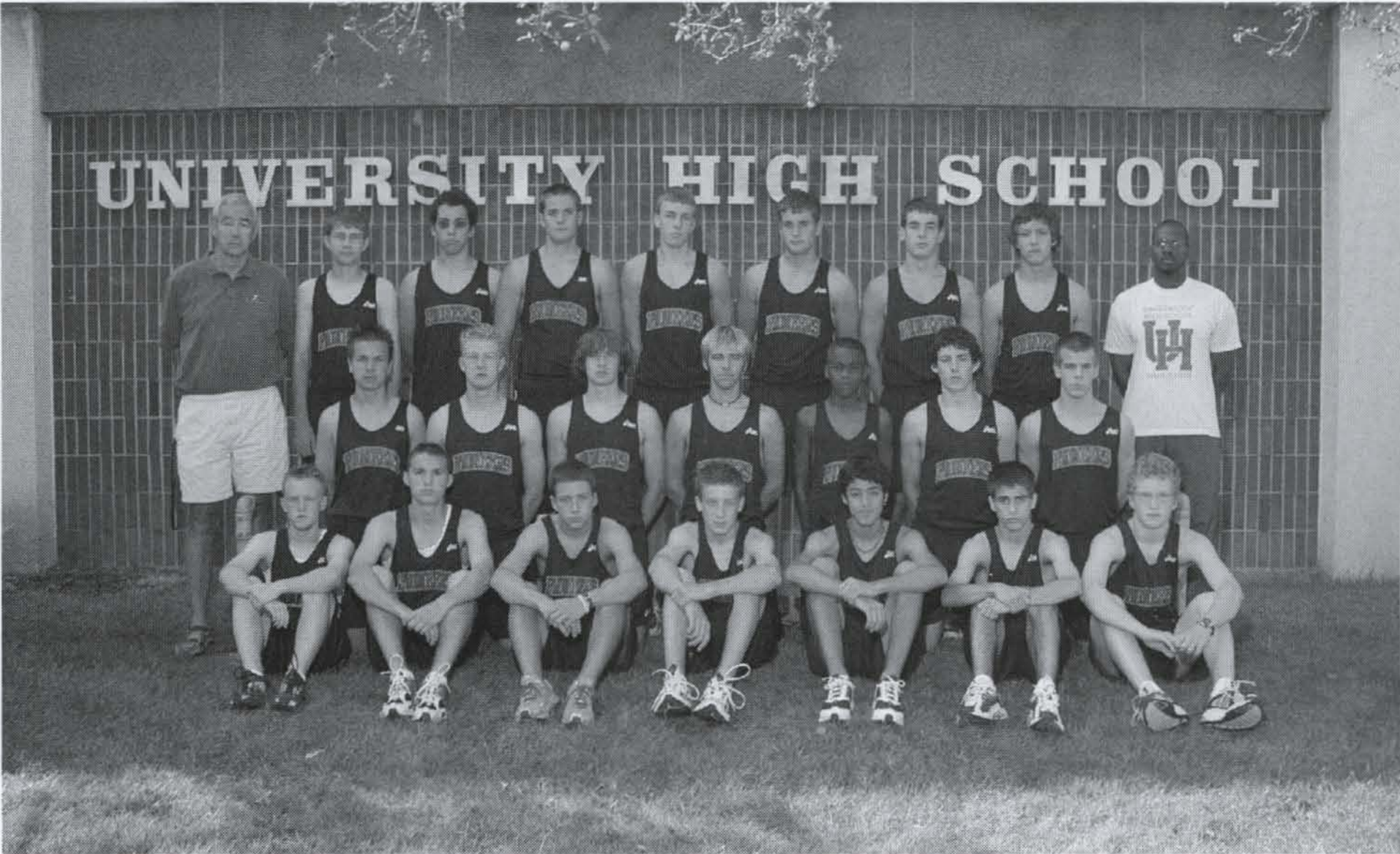
Date	Team	Results
8/31/04	Tremont/Dela- van/MC	1st
9/11/04	Woodruff Invite	8th
9/14/04	Mahomet/Prairie Central	1st
9/18/04	Notre Dame Invite	34th
9/21/04	Intercity	3rd
9/25/04	Springfield Invite	11th
9/30/04	Olympia F/S	1st
10/5/04	UHS Invite	1st
10/9/04	Mahomet Invite	4th
10/16/04	Prairie Central	2nd
10/23/04	Regional	1st
10/25/04	Normal Invite (JV)	No Team Score
10/30/04	Sectional	4th
11/6/04	State	8th

Individual Accomplishments: Jordan Busse, *State Qualifier, Sportsmanship Award, Captain*; Michael Erdman, *State Qualifier, Most Consistent, Captain*; Kevin Forde, *State Qualifier, Top Newcomer*; Derek Haas, *State Qualifier, MVP*; Austin Kern, *State Qualifier*; Ben Reeser, *State Qualifier, Leadership Award, Captain*; Collin Reeser, *State Qualifier Gutsiest Performance Award, Captain*; Brandon Shaver, *Most Improved*; Taiyo Wilson, *State Qualifier, Top Newcomer*

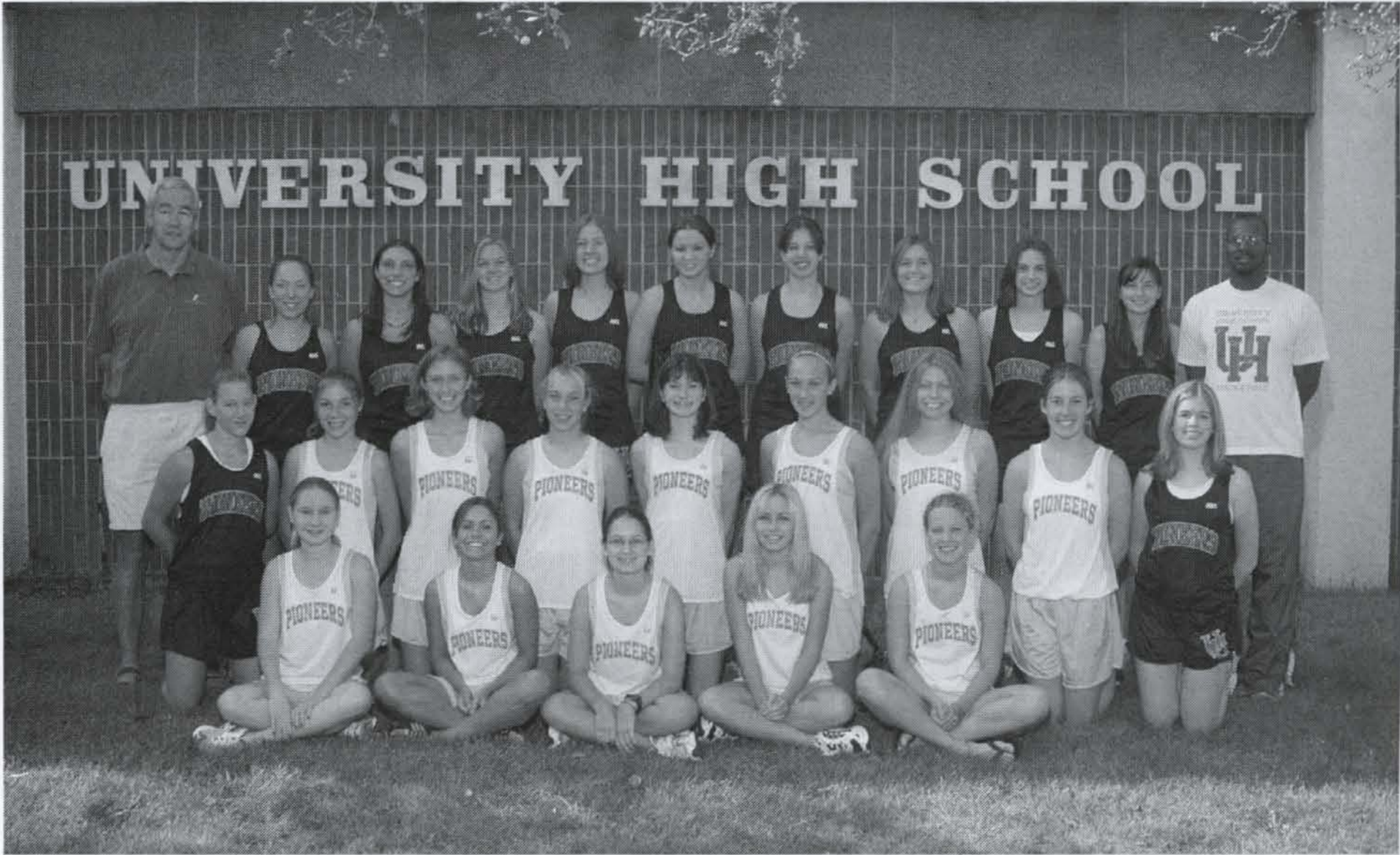
Girl Cross Country

Date	Team	Results
8/31/04	Tremont/Dela- van	1st
9/11/04	Woodruff Invite	6th
9/14/04	Mahomet/PC	1st
9/21/04	Intercity	2nd
9/25/04	Springfield Invite	8th
9/30/04	Olympia	2nd
10/5/04	UHS Invite	3rd
10/9/04	Mahomet Invite	3rd
10/16/04	Conference	3rd
10/23/04	Regional	1st
10/30/04	Sectional	2nd
11/6/04	State	7th

Individual Accomplishments: Rebekah Clay, *State Qualifier, MVP, All State, Captain*; Katie Erdman, *Most Improved*; Jenna Floyd, *State Qualifier, Most Consistent*; Jessica Glass, *State Qualifier, Sportsmanship Award*; Abby Meismer, *State Qualifier, Most Courageous, Captain*; Meredith Skaggs, *Captain*; Kate Tannura, *State Qualifier, Top Newcomer, All-State*; Jennifer Witte, *State Qualifier, Team Spirit Award*



Front Row: Jamison Morrow, TJ Davis, Austin Kern, Nick Houska, Taiyo Wilson, Derek Haas, Brandon Shaver **Second Row:** Eddy Colloton, Fred Geyer, Nick Holtzman, Jared Huff, Kevin Forde, Kyle Steinbrueck, Ben Luehrs **Third Row:** Coach Parsons, Steven Leszczynski, Jason Mercer, Benjamin Reeser, Jordan Busse, Collin Reeser, Mike Erdman, Matt Beach, Coach Hampton



Front Row: Allyssa Kennel, Hannah Shaffer, Ellen Clay, Katie McMahon, Christine Bass **Second Row:** Jennifer Witte, Kate Tannura, Jenna Floyd, Sara Idleman, Lindsay Clements, Clair Smid, Hannah Lebovitz, Katie Erdman, Kim Kelly **Third Row:** Coach Parsons, Sarah Tyrrel, Abby Meismer, Rebekah Clay, Jessica Glass, Kelley Knapp, Jessica Busse, Erica Rohren, Amy Knapp, Meredith Skaggs, Coach Hampton

Varsity Volleyball (25-14)



Front Row: Regina Feagin, Nina Chiodo, Melissa Martin, Hayley, Marlee Cooper, Kelsey Swango **Second Row:** Amanda French, Kristin Lyons, Jenna Dunbar, Coach Sanders, Kyndell Highland, Alisa Ndorongo, Chelsea Troll

Individual Accomplishments: Regina Feagin, *First Team All Conference, Captain, All Area, MVP, Minooka All-Tournament Team*; Kelsey Swango, *Second Team All Conference*; Marlee Cooper, *Second Team All Conference, Effingham All Tournament Team*; Jenna Dunbar, *Second Team All Conference*; Melissa Martin, *Captain, Honorable Mention All Conference*, Kristen Lyons, *Sportmanship Award*

Date	Team	Results
9/2/04	Hartsburg	Lost
9/7/04	Olympia	Won
9/10/04	Effingham Tournament	2nd Place Silver
9/14/04	Pontiac	Won
9/16/05	Eureka	Won
9/21/05	Prarie Central	Won
9/23/04	Mahomet	Lost
9/25/05	Intercity	3rd place
9/28/04	Rantoul	Won
9/30/04	Olympia	Won
10/1/04	Belleville E. Tournament	3rd Place Bronze
10/4/04	Lexington	Won
10/5/04	Central Catholic	Won
10/7/04	Pontiac	Won
10/12/04	Eureka	Won
10/14/04	Prarie Central	Won
10/15/04	Minooka Tournament	4th Place
10/19/04	Mahomet	Lost
10/21/04	Rantoul	Won
10/26/04	Regionals	Won
11/02/04	Sectionals	Won
11/06/04	Super Sectionals	Lost

JV Volleyball (24-3)



Front Row: Megan Sallee, Kelsey Kraft, Katie Giesel, Karin Nalefski, Danielle Fox, Katie Doyle **Second Row:** Alyssa Humphreys, Natalie Larson, Elizabeth Harbers, Stephanie Smith-Strickland, Dorothy Olson, Kasey Probus

Date	Team	Results
9/2/04	Hartsburg	Lost
9/7/04	Olympia	Won
9/14/04	Pontiac	Won
9/16/04	Eureka	Won
9/21/04	Prarie Central	Won
9/22/04	Tri-Valley Tournament	Won
9/23/04	Mahomet	Won
9/25/04	Tri-Valley Tournament	W; L; W; W
9/28/04	Rantoul	Won
9/30/04	Olympia	Won
10/2/04	Hartsburg Tournament	Won
10/4/04	Lexington	Won
10/5/04	Central Catholic	Won
10/7/04	Pontiac	Won
10/9/04	Conterence Tournament	W; W; W; L
10/12/04	Eureka	Won
10/14/04	Prarie Central	Won
10/19/04	Mahomet	Won
10/21/04	Rantoul	Won

Freshman Volleyball (12-9)

Date	Team	Results
9/14/04	Pontiac	Won
9/16/04	Eureka	Won
9/21/04	Prarie Central	Won
9/23/04	Mahomet	Lost
9/25/04	Morton Tournament	W; W; L; L
9/28/04	Rantoul	Lost
10/4/04	Lexington	Won
10/5/04	Central Catholic	Lost
10/7/04	Pontiac	Won
10/9/04	Lincoln Tournament	L; W; W; L; L
10/12/04	Eureka	Won
10/14/04	Prarie Central	Won
10/19/04	Mahomet	Lost
10/21/04	Rantoul	Won



Front Row: Mercedes Martinez, Anna Doran, Jordan Schumacher, Courtney Rogers, Rebekah Vaughan, Heather Wickenhauer, Hillary Giesel **Second Row:** Sarah Cochran, Allyson Keith, Shelby Martin, Erin Tofanelli, Leanne Downey, Lindsey Butorac, Frances Ndorongo, Andrea Peterson

Girls Swimming (12-2)

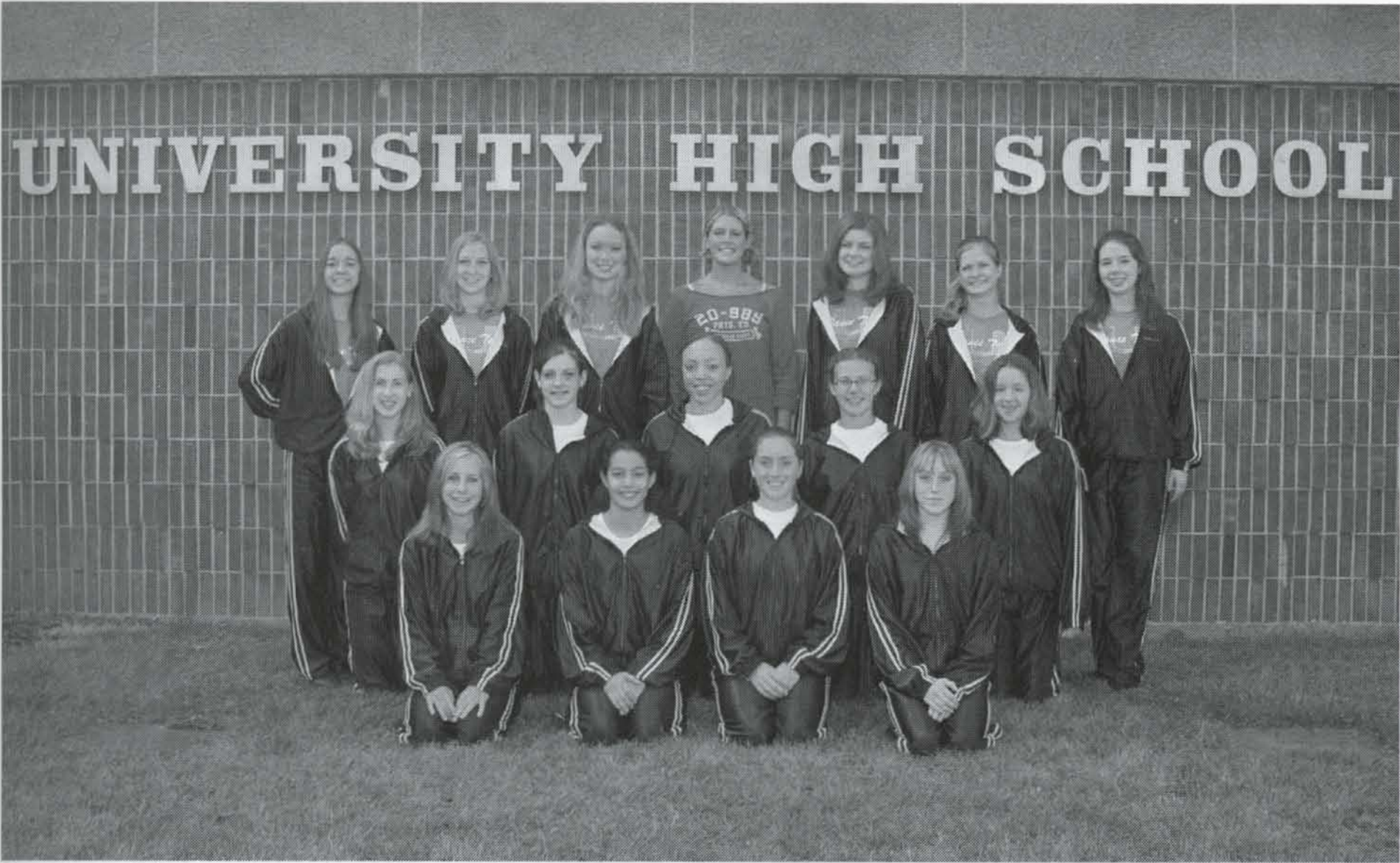
Date	Team	Results
9/7/04	Urbana	UH 386; U 381; N 317; NW 279
9/9/04	Eureka	UH 121; E 97; P 87
9/14/04	Champaign Centennial	UH 68; C 117
9/18/04	Paletine Invitational	4th of 6
9/23/04	Olympia	UH 134; O 43
9/25/04	Bloomington Invitational	3rd of 13
10/2/04	Richwoods Invitational	2nd of 8
10/5/04	Dunlap	UH 80; D 105
10/7/05	Intercity	UH 400; N 328; NW 311; B 284
10/12/04	Pekin	UH 103; P 83
10/21/04	Peoria Central	UH 118; PC 58
10/26/04	Champaign Central	UH 101; CC 79
11/6/04	U-High Invitational	1st of 9
11/13/04	Sectional	3rd of 16
11/19/04	State	Ind. Qualifiers



Front Row: Amy Stites, Caitlin Baugh, Maddy Hayden, Sarah Capodice, Alex Weilbacher, Heather Celis **Second Row:** Desiree Carroll, Emily Caldwell, Laurel Benson, Brittany Caldwell, Lauren Januzik, Kristi Stalter, Claire Wazienski, Katie DeGraaf **Third Row:** Alex Wright-Butts, Rachel Solava, Michelle Fluty, Mackenzie Waters, Molly Schiller, Caroline Lartz, Meghan Rhoades, Myleka Thomas **Fourth Row:** Coach Burroughs, Michelle Eack, Meaghan Schiller, Caitlin Lartz, Stephanie Jiles, Amy Pacilio, Bobbie Braun, Jill Stralow, Coach Meyer

Individual Accomplishments: Caitlin Lartz, *Captain, Spirit Award*; Amy Pacilio, *Captain, Sportsmanship Award*; Brittany Caldwell, *Captain*; Katie DeGraaf, *Captain, State Qualifier*; Amy Stites, *Most Improved*; Emily Caldwell, *State Qualifier, MVP*;

Fall Dance Team



Front Row: Lindsey Turner, Aya Wilson, Alana Lambert, Caitlin Baugh Second Row: Cassie Hanson, Erin Tofanelli, Robin Berryman, Stephanie Donnan, Alaska Andre Third Row: Nicole Phillips, Betsy Sur, Kate Sliney, Abby Blair, Jessie Bower, Melissa Shanahan

Fall Varsity Cheerleading



Front Row: Lindsay Bustle, Alese Furnal Second Row: Anne Stein, Kelsey Ellefson, Chandra Golden Third Row: Cortney Brewer, Jasmine Harris, Sam Carlson, Taylor Brucker

Freshman Volleyball (12-2) Fall JV Cheerleading

Date	Team	Results
9/14/04	Pontiac	Won
9/14/04	Springfield	Won
9/14/04	Franklin Central	Won
9/14/04	Madison	Lost
9/14/04	Michigan Journey	W, W, L, L
9/24/04	Sectional	Lost
10/4/04	Springfield	Won
10/5/04	Central Catholic	Lost
10/7/04	Pontiac	Won
10/14/04	Lincoln Park	L, W, W, L, L
10/14/04	Lincoln	Won
10/14/04	Franklin Central	Won
10/14/04	Madison	Lost
10/21/04	Sectional	Won



Front Row: Bailey McDowell, Kortney Brooks **Second Row:** Ashley Barber, Kaitlyn Johnson, Courtney McDowell
Third Row: Sarah Wintersteen, Hailey McDaniel, Paige Durchholz, Amanda Rehtmeyer

Boys Swimming (12-2)

Date	Team	Results
12/7/04	Ch. Central	Lost
12/14/04	Urbana	Won
12/18/04	Richwoods Invite	6th
12/30/04	Waubonsie Pentathlon	6th
1/6/05	Dunlap	Lost
1/8/05	Ch. Centennial Invite	11th
1/11/05	Pekin	Lost
1/25/05	Intercity	3rd
1/27/05	Pontiac	Lost
1/29/05	Conant Invite	6th
2/1/05	Springfield/Eureka	Won
2/5/05	Byron Invite	4th
2/19/05	Sectionals	7th

Individual Accomplishments: Bryan Benson, *MVP*, *Captain*; Rob Nash, *MIP*; Nick Houska, *Most Spirit*; Bryan Geisler, *Most Spirit*; Zachary Saajasto, *Sportsmanship Award*; Chris Modos, *Captain*; Eric Sinn, *Captain*; Weikang Sun, *Captain*



Front Row: James Scharf, Kyle Karraker, Brian Geisler, Eric Sinn, Zach Saajasto **Second Row:** Cole Griswold, Nick Houska, Michael Fritz, Rob Nash, Chris Modos, Alex Thoennes, Coach Burroughs **Third Row:** Weikang Sun, Joseph Wilkinson, Anthony Duran, Lee Clements, Colin Carroll, Bryan Benson, Brandon Shaver

Varsity Girls Basketball (16-13)



Front Row: Lindsay Bertsche, Holly Kennedy, Sara Garriott, Krissa Kasisner, Tonya Brown **Second Row:** Jenna Whitehart, Laura Bullinger, Alisa Ndorongo, Sidnee Scott, Natalie Larson, Danielle Fox

Individual Accomplishments: Holly Kennedy, *Captain*; Sara Garriott, *Captain, Honorable Mention All-Conference*; Lindsay Bertsche, *Captain, MVP, Sportsmanship Award, 1st Team All-Conference*; Alisa Ndorongo, *Honorable Mention All-Conference*

Date	Team	Results
11/15/04	Central Catholic	40-63
11/17/04	Bloomington	44-67
11/19/04	Normal West	43-40
11/23/04	Normal	19-49
11/29/04	Roanoke Benson	57-28
12/2/04	Olympia	61-38
12/9/04	Pontiac	39-52
12/11/04	Pana	59-50
12/13/04	Eureka	44-41
12/14/04	Prairie Central	50-43
12/18/04	Rochester	38-45
12/27/04	Monmouth	44-41
12/28/04	Sterling Newman	45-46 OT
12/29/04	Camp Point Central	33-45
12/30/04	Rockridge	37-31
1/6/05	Mahomet Seymour	47-54
1/8/05	Quincy Sr. High	35-51
1/10/05	Rantoul	52-36
1/15/05	Olympia	40-44
1/17/05	Central Catholic	37-60
1/20/05	Pontiac	52-39
1/24/05	Eureka	53-36
1/27/05	Prairie Central	55-40
1/29/05	Stark County	53-30
1/31/05	Mohamet Seymour	51-64
2/3/05	Rantoul	61-17
2/9/05 - 2/10/05	Regionals	51-48; 58-37
2/15/05	Sectionals	44-55

JV Girls Basketball (11-7)



Front Row: Krystal Coleman, Shikira Chavers, Natalie Larson , Danielle Fox, Erin Sage, Kathleen Johnson, Chelsea Harris **Second Row:** Molly Kaisner, Sidnee Scott, Shelby Martin, Laurel Benson, Chantaivia Knight, Erin Tofanelli, Jessica Busse

Date	Team	Results
11/29/04	Roanoke	38-13
12/2/04	Olympia	38-17
12/9/04	Pontiac	25-26
12/11/04	Pana	34-30
12/13/04	Eureka	52-20
12/14/04	Prairie Central	45-48
12/18/04	Rochester	9-42
1/6/05	Mahomet	40-47
1/8/05	Quincy	28-38
1/10/05	Rantoul	54-22
1/15/05	Olympia	32-26
1/17/05	Central Catholic	30-41
1/20/05	Pontiac	31-21
1/24/05	Eureka	48-12
1/27/05	Prairie Central	20-39
1/29/05	Stark County	31-23
1/31/05	Mahomet	54-30
2/3/05	Rantoul	49-28

Freshman Girls Basketball (15-1)

Date	Team	Results
11/20/14	Central Catholic	37-28
11/29/04	Prarie Central	41-39
12/4/04	Danville	58-13
12/8/04	Bloomington	41-20
12/9/04	Gibson City	58-24
12/13/04	Mahomet	52-18
12/18/04	Prarie Central	50-44
1/8/05	Pontiac	57-36
1/15/05	Rantoul	37-32
1/17/05	Central Catholic	29-40
1/19/05	Normal	58-32
1/29/05	Pontiac	44-39
2/2/05	Tri Valley	34-20
2/5/05	Mahomet	57-33

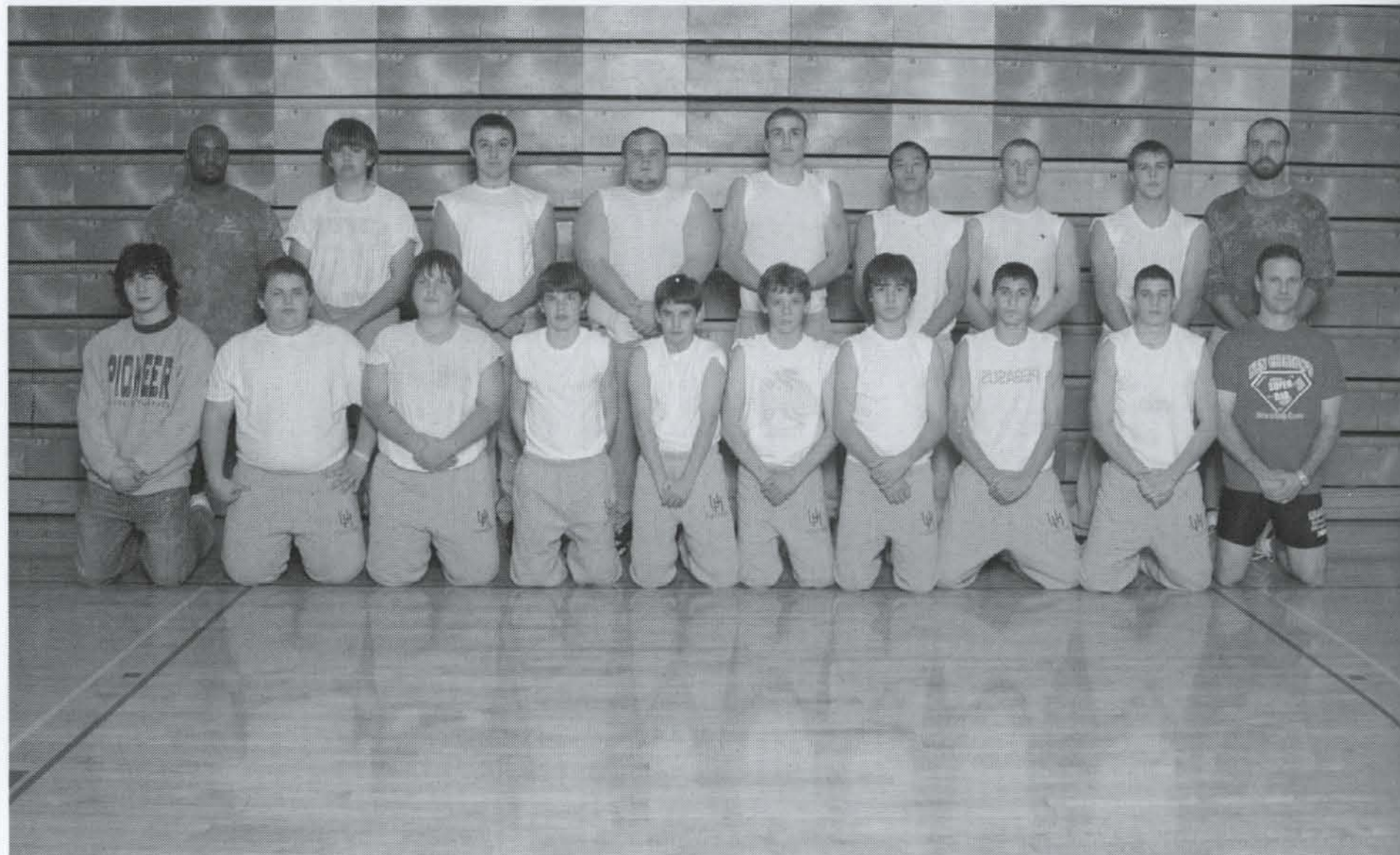


Front Row: Kathleen Johnson, Kaitlyn Wampler, Elizabeth Phipps, Krystal Coleman, Janelle Galloway, Kate Tannura, Chelsea Harris **Second Row:** Frances Ndongoro, Erin Tofanelli, Laurel Benson, Chantaivia Knight, Shelby Martin, Jenna Floyd, Erin Sage, Molly Kaisner

Boys Wrestling

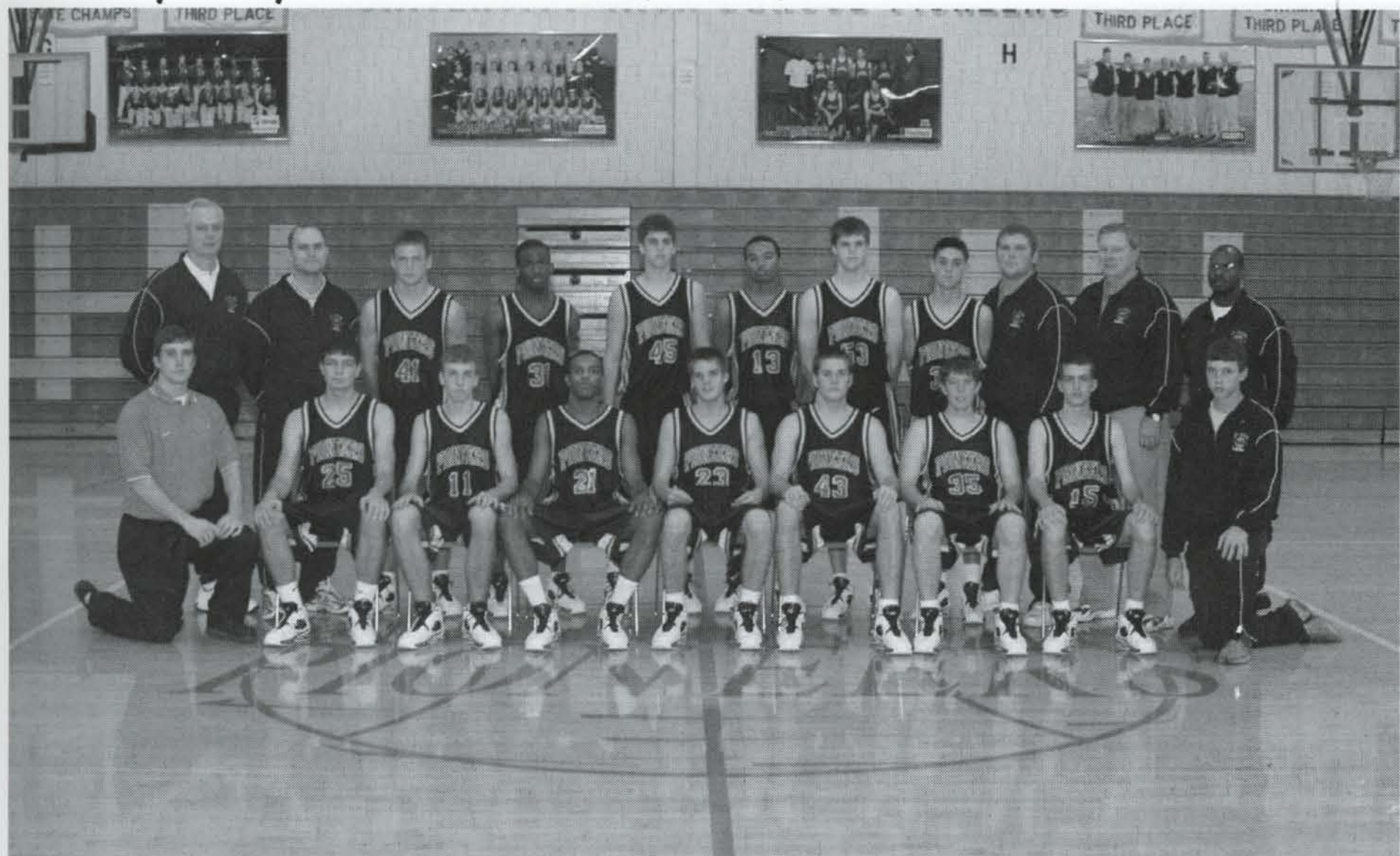
Date	Team	Results
8/31/04	Tremont/Delavan	1st
9/11/04	Woodruff Invite	6th
9/14/04	Mahomet/PC	1st
9/21/04	Intercity	2nd
9/25/04	Springfield Invite	8th
9/30/04	Olympia	2nd
10/5/04	UHS Invite	3rd
10/9/04	Mahomet Invite	3rd
10/16/04	Conference	3rd
10/23/04	Regional	1st
10/30/04	Sectional	2nd
11/6/04	State	7th

Individual Accomplishments: Tom Alldridge, *Captain, Sportsmanship award*; Jake Weis, *Captain*; Justin Daley, *MVP, Most Tech Falls (2), Most Near Falls (17), 20 Win Club (24-18)*; TJ Dougherty, *Freshman MVP, Most Escapes (40) 20 Win Club (23-19)*; Joe Waropay, *MVP, Most Team Points (129), Most Take-Downs (58), Most Pins (13), Most Reversals (14), 20 Win Club (25-15)*;



Front Row: Coach Mueller, Cory Olsen, Brad Rowatt, Austin Popham James Scaglia, Justin Daley, TJ Dougherty, Josh Rule, Jake Augspurger, Coach Dearing **Second Row:** Coach Harris, Jim Krajewski, Trevor Rappa, Jake Weis, Tom Alldridge, Victor Pham, Tom Donnan, Joe Waropay

Varsity Boys Basketball (20-7)



Front Row: Coach Burns, Mike McMillan, Jordan Busse, Delano Robinson, Joe Martens, Collin Reeser, Andrew McDowell, Seth Doran. **Second Row:** Coach Hubbard, Coach Fitzgerald, Tyler McNeely, Warren McCauley, Grant Zimmerman, Josh Huff, Aaron Schroeder, Drew Miller, Coach Kashner, Coach Hubbard, Coach Hampton

Individual Accomplishments: Jordan Busse *Letter Winner, Captain*; Josh Huff *Letter Winner*; Seth Doran *Letter Winner*; Delano Robinson *Letter Winner*; Joe Martens *Letter Winner*; Mike McMillan *Letter Winner, Captain*; Warren McCauley *Letter Winner, 06 Numerals*; Drew Miller *Letter Winner*; Andrew McDowell *Letter Winner*; Tyler McNeely *Letter Winner*; Ben Reeser *Letter Winner*; Grant Zimmerman *Letter Winner*; Aaron Shroeder *Letter Winner*

JV Boys Basketball (15-2)



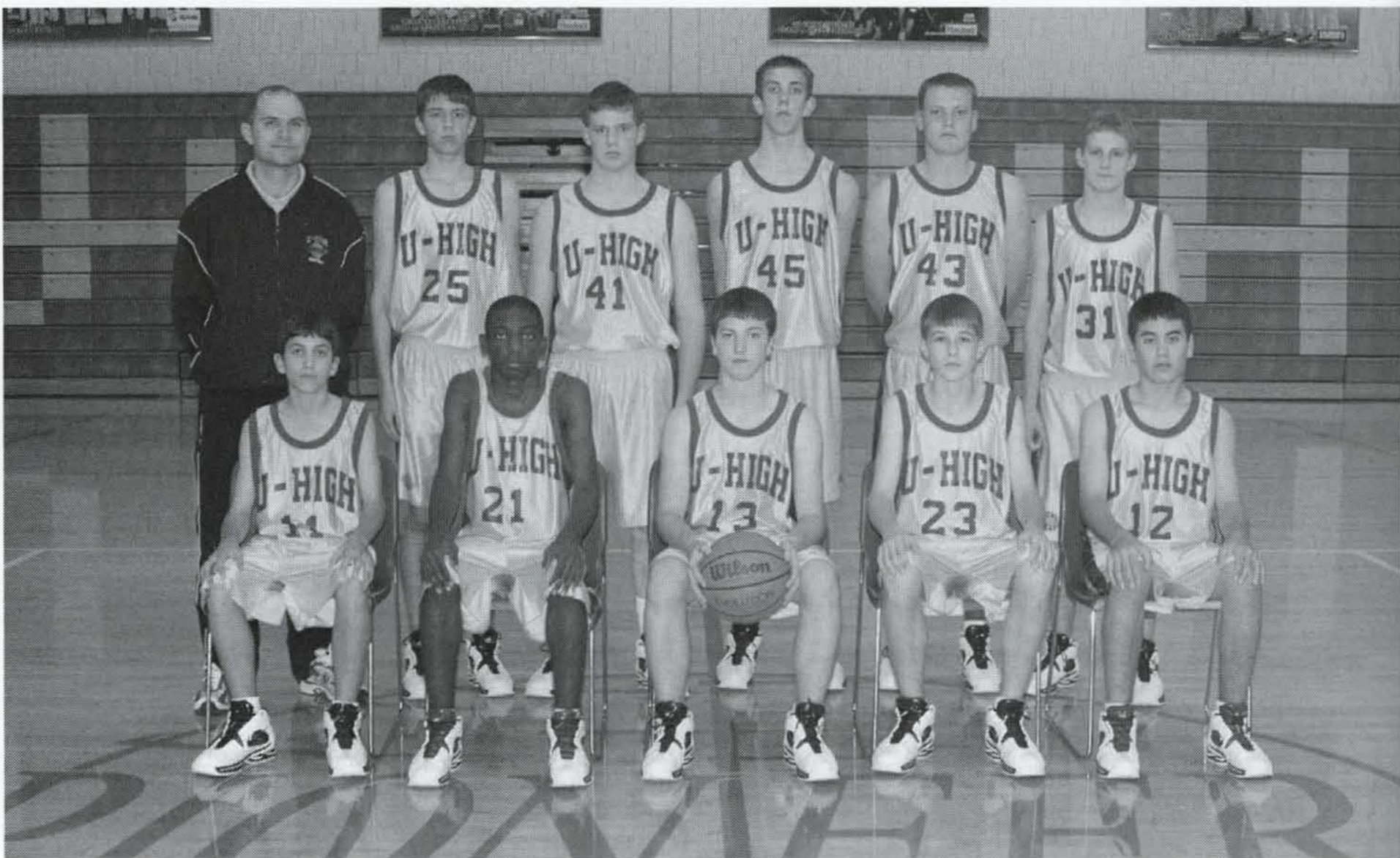
Front Row: Jairon Crosson, Joseph Anhalt, Jake Nord, Sean O'Malley, Derek Haas **Second Row:** Coach Fitzgerald, Jeffrey Higgins, Kyle Leduc, John Quarton, Tyler Cook, John Mersch, Coach Hampton

Date	Team	Results
11/22/04	Normal	40-47
11/24/04	Bloomington	48-49 OT
11/27/04	Normal West	40-35
11/29/04	Central Catholic	57-43
12/3/04	Olympia	48-36
12/4/04	Decatur St. Teresa	67-39
12/7/04	Pontiac	39-25
12/14/04	Ridgeview	55-53
12/17/04	Eureka	48-47
12/18/04	Mahomet-Seymour	41-52
12/27/04	El Paso-Gridley	46-32
12/28/04	Hartsberg-Emden	57-27
12/29/04	Rock Island Alleman	54-39
12/30/04	Quincy Notre Dame	48-54
1/7/05	Prairie Central	47-44
1/8/05	Rochester	44-25
1/14/05	Rantoul	50-22
1/21/05	Olympia	58-21
1/28/05	Central Catholic	46-34
1/29/05	Quincy Notre Dame	49-50
2/1/05	Pontiac	60-30
2/4/05	Eureka	61-59
2/11/05	Prairie Central	66-31
2/12/05	Morton	58-57
2/15/05	Mahomet- Seymour	49-55
2/18/05	Rantoul	73-25
2/23/05	Regionals	58-62

Date	Team	Results
12/3/04	Olympia	73-36
12/4/04	St. Teresa	71-42
12/7/04	Pontiac	49-45
12/14/04	Ridgeview	61-47
12/17/04	Eureka	67-43
12/18/05	Mahomet Seymore	41-38
1/7/05	Prarie Central	58-48
1/14/05	Rantoul	51-45
1/21/05	Olympia	52-39
1/28/05	Central Catholic	66-36
1/29/05	Quincy Notre Dame	62-56
2/1/05	Pontiac	74-68
2/4/05	Eureka	44-45
2/11/05	Prarie Central	64-59
2/12/05	Morton	32-44
2/15/05	Mahomet Seymore	57-51
2/18/05	Rantoul	56-38

Freshman Boys Basketball (10-8)

Date	Team	Results
11/29/04	Prairie Central	61-50
12/6/04	Normal West	35-49
12/9/04	Gibson City	56-23
12/11/04	El Paso	45-34
12/13/04	Mahomet	39-45
12/18/04	Prairie Central	45-18
1/8/05	Pontiac	39-23
1/10/05	Eureka	31-45
1/11/05	Rantoul	65-71
1/17/05	Lincoln	30-48
1/19/05	Central Catholic	50-52
1/22/05	Normal West	54-42
1/24/05	Normal	28-48
1/26/05	Central Catholic	40-47
1/29/05	Pontiac	48-19
2/5/05	Bloomington	39-38
2/7/05	Central Catholic	40-28
2/10/05	Mahomet	35-34



Front Row: Sean Dozier, Chadman James, E.J. Schiller, Clint Vatterrodt, Derek Dauenbaugh **Second Row:** Coach Fitzgerald, Quinn Wilson, Chris Crider, Eric McCullough, Andy McNeely, Ben Hall

Winter Varsity Cheerleading



Front Row: Lindsay Bustle, Alese Furnald, Anne Stein, Kelsey Ellefson **Second Row:** Cortney Brewer, Jasmine Harris, Chandra Golden, Sam Carlson, Taylor Brucker

Winter JV Cheerleading



Front Row:Bailey McDowell, Kaitlyn Johnson **Second Row:** Kortney Brooks, Ashley Barber, Courtney McDowell **Third Row:** Amanda Rehtmeyer, Paige Durchholz, Hailey McDaniel

Winter Dance Team



Front Row: Aya Wilson, Alana Lambert, Caitlin Baugh, Lindsey Turner, Stephanie Donnan **Second Row:** Alaska Andre, Cassie Hanson, Nicole Phillips, Melissa Shanahan, Betsy Sur, Jessie Bower **Third Row:** Abby Blair, Katie Sliney, Robin Berryman, Erin Tofanelli

Boys Tennis

Date	Match	Result
9-11	Boys Tennis vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
9-18	Boys Tennis vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
9-25	Boys Tennis vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
10-2	Boys Tennis vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
10-9	Boys Tennis vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
10-16	Boys Tennis vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
10-23	Boys Tennis vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
10-30	Boys Tennis vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
11-6	Boys Tennis vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
11-13	Boys Tennis vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
11-20	Boys Tennis vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
11-27	Boys Tennis vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
12-4	Boys Tennis vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
12-11	Boys Tennis vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
12-18	Boys Tennis vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
12-25	Boys Tennis vs. [illegible]	[illegible]

Individual Accomplishments: [illegible]
 Team Accomplishments: [illegible]

Varsity Softball (22-10)

Date	Match	Result
3-10	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
3-17	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
3-24	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
3-31	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
4-7	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
4-14	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
4-21	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
4-28	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
5-5	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
5-12	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
5-19	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
5-26	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
6-2	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
6-9	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
6-16	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
6-23	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
6-30	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
7-7	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
7-14	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
7-21	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
7-28	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
8-4	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
8-11	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
8-18	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
8-25	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
9-1	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
9-8	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
9-15	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
9-22	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
9-29	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
10-6	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
10-13	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
10-20	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
10-27	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
11-3	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
11-10	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
11-17	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
11-24	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
12-1	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
12-8	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
12-15	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
12-22	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]
12-29	Varsity Softball vs. [illegible]	[illegible]

Boys Tennis

Date	Team	Results
4/5	Danville	Loss
4/7	Urbana	Win
4/9	Bloomington Inv.	
4/11	Central Catholic	Win
4/14	Pontiac	Win
4/23	Metamora/Peoria ND	Loss; Lose
4/25	Washington	Win
4/29	Normal West	Win
5/2	Normal	Win
5/6	Hill Inv.	
5/12	Pontiac/Bloomington	Win; Win
5/16	Morton	

Individual Accomplishments: Jonathan Ken *Captain*; Tomek Stadnik *Captain*; Kevin Bailey *Sportsmanship Award*; Seth Doran *State Qualifier*; Ben Luehrs *State Qualifier, MVP*

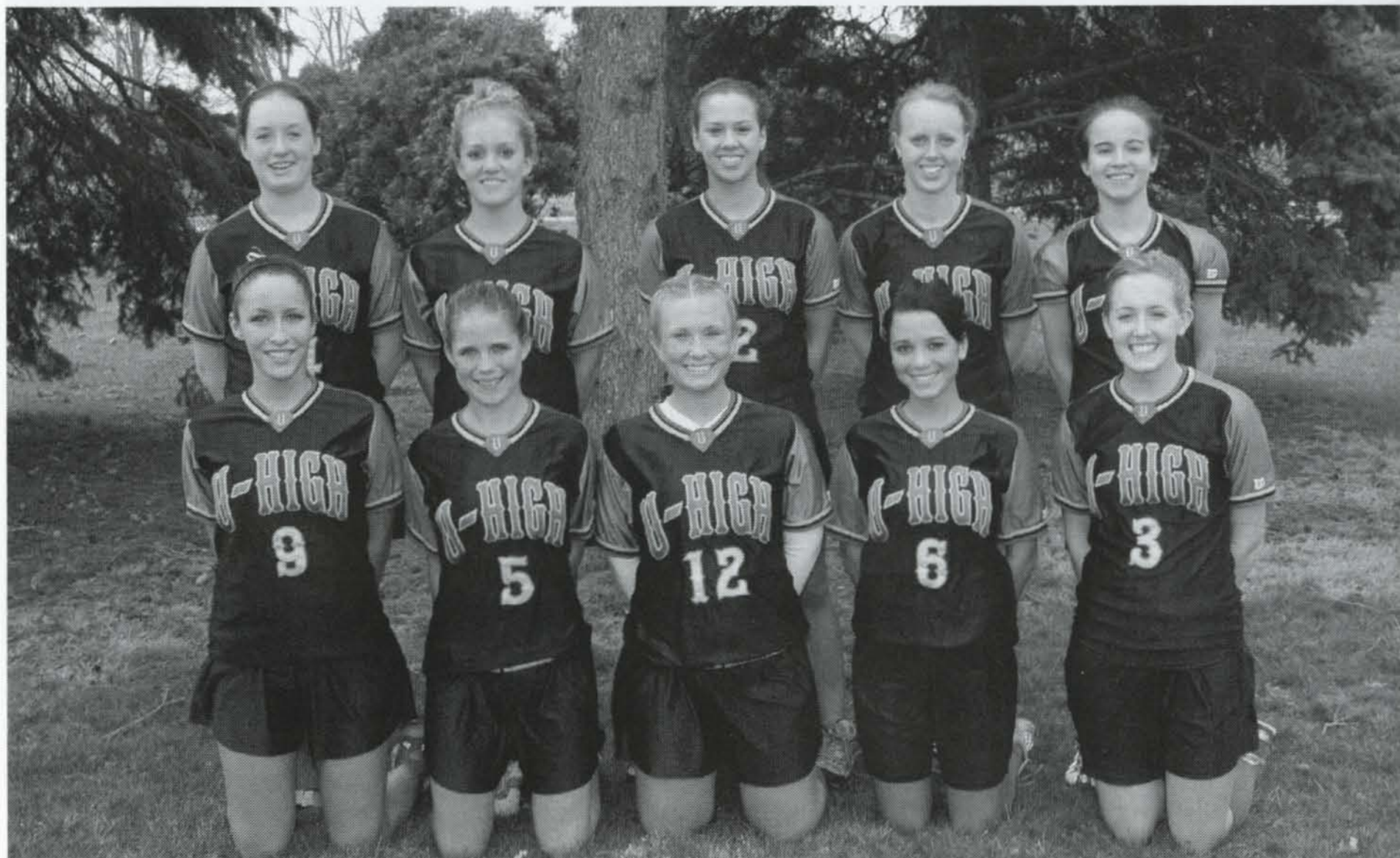


Front Row: Austin Popham, Drew Daudelin, Tim Nash, Dan Grieco, Joseph Bernhardt, Jake Gendron, Alex Rodriguez, Seth Doran **Second Row:** Gordon Vayo, Jason Choi, Neesath Shah, Kevin Bailey, Ben Stone, Michael Fritz, Gaurav Vempati **Third Row:** Jonathan Ken, Ben Luehrs, Tomasz Stadnik, Jason Smith, Coach Runyan, Nick Zimmerman, Nick Endress, Sam Pridgeon

Varsity Softball (22-10)

Date	Team	Results
3/30	Mahomet-Seymour	4-3
4/2	Tri Valley	7-1 and 8-4
4/4	Normal West	0-1
4/5	Olympia	0-6
4/7	Central Catholic	6-1
4/8	Rantoul	0-1
4/9	Bloomington	8-4 and 1-2
4/14	Eureka	2-0
4/15	Normal	3-1
4/18	Pontiac	0-2
4/19	Prairie Central	3-2
4/21	Mahomet- Seymour	1-0
4/26	Rantoul	4-0
5/3	Central Catholic	12-1
5/5	Pontiac	1-0
5/6	Olympia	1-3
5/7	Mahomet	0-2
5/11	Pontiac	6-5
5/12	Prairie Central	7-1
5/18	Regional vs. Henry	4-0
5/21	Regional vs. IVC	0-1

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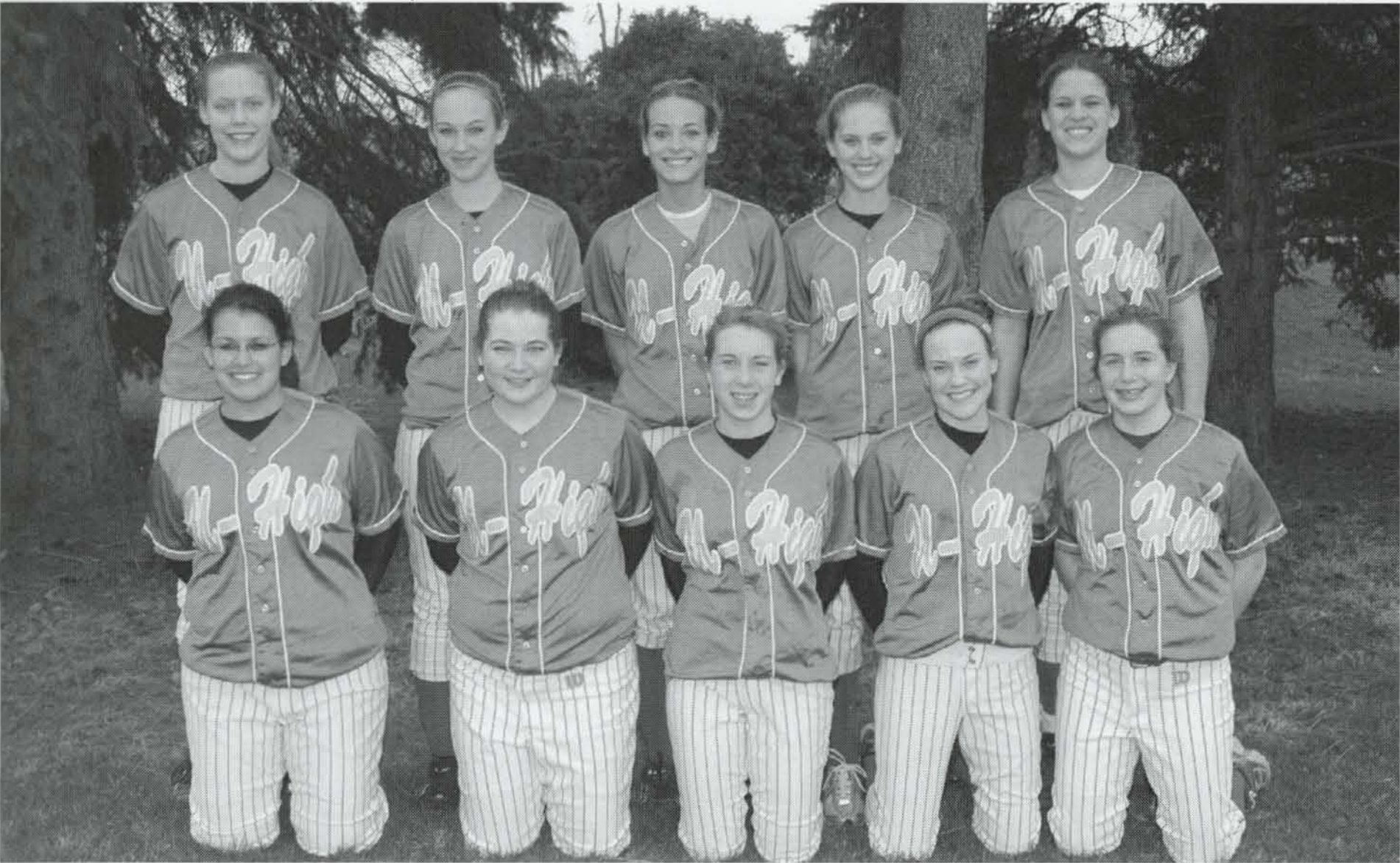


Front Row: Melissa Martin, Holly Kennedy, Jill Stralow, Taylor Brucker, Kellie Kinsella **Second Row:** Megan Sallee, Catherine Butts, Ashton Hitchcock, Kelsey Swango, Danielle Jacobs

Individual Accomplishments: Kellie Kinsella *WJBC Player of the Week, Lisle Tournament All-Tournament Team, 2nd Team All Conference, MVP*; Holly Kennedy *1st Team All Conference*; Melissa Martin *2nd Team All Conference, Golden Glove*; Kelsey Swango *2nd Team All Conference, Sportsmanship*; Dani Jacobs *All Conference Honorable Mention*; Jill Stralow *Most Improved Player*

Varsity Soccer

JV Softball (8-6)

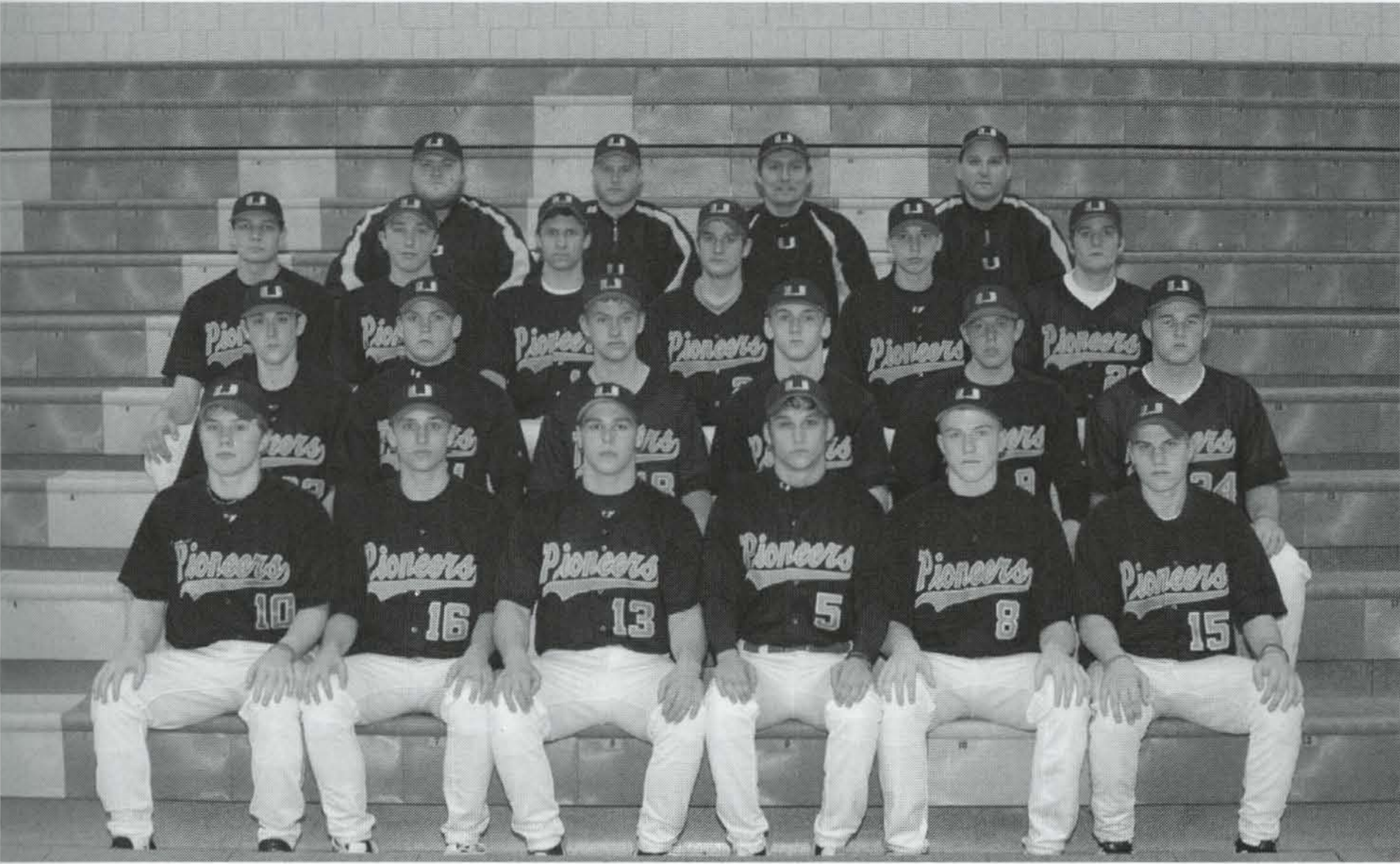


Front Row: Rachel Vazquez, Kristin Walker, Sara Idleman, Courtney Rogers, Michelle Fluty Second Row: Kathleen Johnson, Clair Smid, Sarah Cochran, Abby Hoekstra, Shelby Martin

Date	Team	Results
3/30	Mahomet	1-0
4/2	Tri Valley	11-9 and 9-8
4/5	Olympia	6-0
4/7	Central Catholic	13-3
4/8	Rantoul	17-1
4/9	Bloomington	10-0 and 11-0
4/14	Eureka	4-1
4/19	Prairie Central	3-0
4/21	Mahomet	6-2
4/26	Rantoul	14-3
5/3	Central Catholic	6-5
5/10	Eureka	9-3

Varsity Soccer

Varsity Baseball (23-11)



Front Row: Michael Darrow, John Mersch, Joe Waropay, Josh Heimerdinger, Tyler Cook, Matt Hinshaw Second Row: Jimmy Collins, Tyler McNeely, Aaron Kauffman, Brad Meier, Andrew McDowell, Justin Allen Third Row: Mike McMillan, Nick Heckelman, Josh Cox, Collin Reeser, Jared Wheet, Ben Reeser Fourth Row: Coach Nichols, Coach Read, Coach Bee, Coach Collins

Individual Accomplishments: Jim Collins Most Improved; Josh Heimerdinger Sportsmanship Award; Mike McMillan Co-Captain, Leadership Award, Most Fundamental; Ben Reeser Captain, Leadership Award; Collin Reeser Co-MVP; Tyler McNeely Co-MVP

Date	Team	Results
3/31	Peoria ND	1-2
4/5	Olympia	2-1
4/7	Central Catholic	10-2
4/8	Bloomington	12-4
4/9	Normal West	4-10
4/11	Herschler	8-5
4/13	Normal	8-11
4/14	Eureka	6-3
4/19	Prairie Central	8-1
4/21	Mahomet	2-8
4/26	Rantoul	6-4
4/28	Pontiac	8-5
5/3	Central Catholic	18-15
5/5	Eureka	8-5
5/6	Pontiac	0-8
5/7	Olympia	2-1
5/11	Pontiac	2-8
5/18	Regional Semifinals vs. St. Theresa	12-1
5/21	Regional Finals vs. Moroa-Forsythe	7-4
5/26	Sectional Semifinals vs. Mt. Pulaski	2-3

Schedule was shortened to represent conference, local and tournament games.

Sophomore Baseball (16-10)

Date	Team	Results
3/31/05	St Thomas More	8-2
4/5/05	Olympia	6-12
4/6/05	Bloomington	9-10
4/7/05	Central Catholic	10-6
4/11/05	Normal Community	10-0
4/14/05	Eureka	0-10
4/16/05	Cliton	5-4 and 5-3
4/19/05	Prairie Central	13-19
4/21/05	Mahomet Seymour	7-7
4/25/05	Herscher	1-23
4/26/05	Rantoul	16-14
4/28/05	Normal West	0-5
4/29/05	Morton	8-9
4/30/05	El Paso	10-0 and 12-2
5/2/05	Mahomet	21-10
5/3/05	Central Catholic	14-6
5/5/05	Pontiac	5-2
5/7/05	Rochester	5-8 and 10-4
5/9/05	Normal Community	10-13
5/10/05	Eureka	10-5
5/12/05	Prairie Central	8-12
5/13/05	Metamora	6-7
5/14/05	Lexington	6-5 and 13-3
5/18/05	Bloomington	3-2



Front Row: John Busch, Ely Dopson, James Lam, Michael Rotsch, Aaron Burnett **Second Row:** Taylor Van Loon, Ian Bishop, Nathan Phares, Ryan Jannusch, Luke Graning **Third Row:** Blake Eusenberger, Jake Nord, Jacob Shephard, Aaron Schroder, Aaron Walker **Fourth Row:** Coach Reynolds, Coach Christian

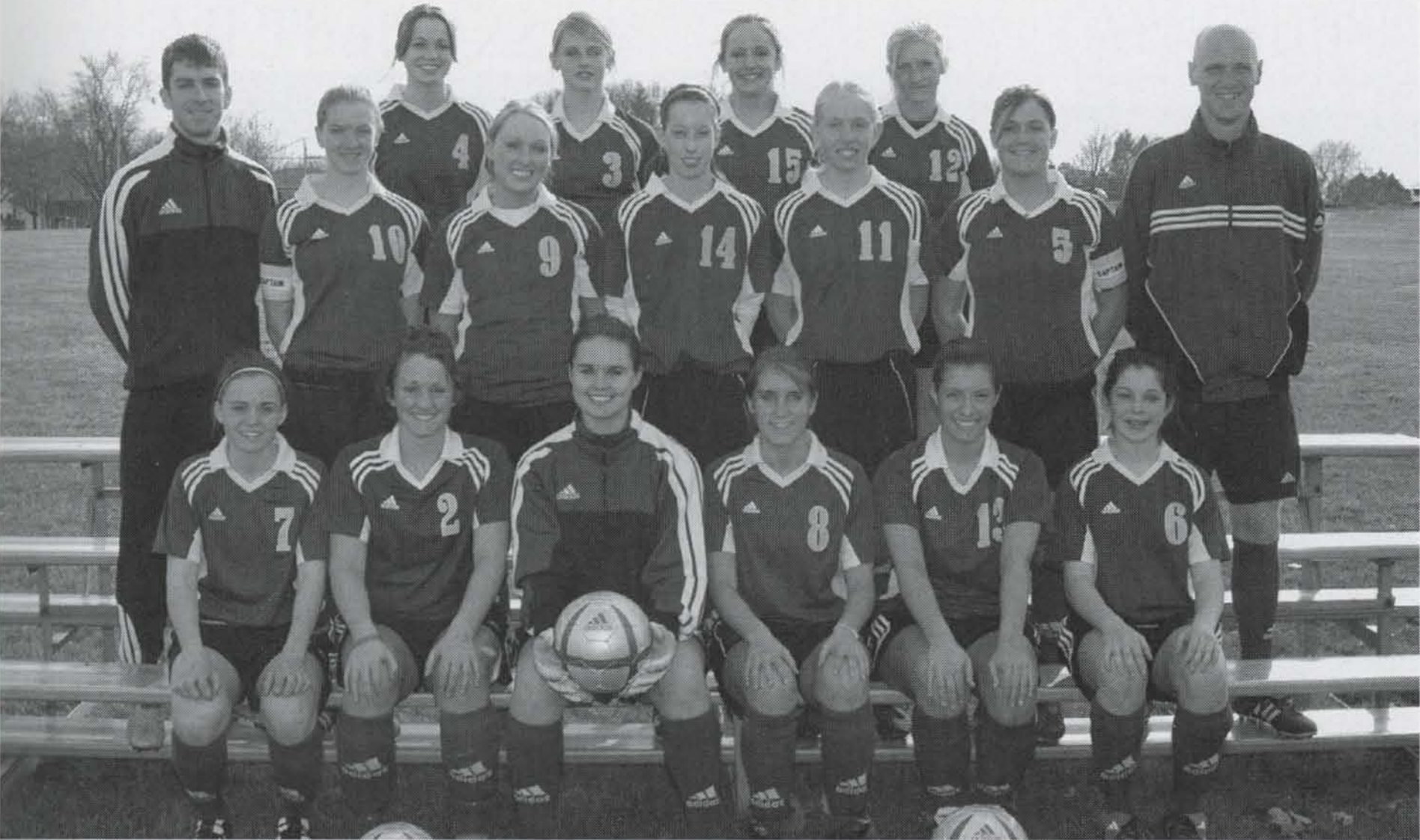
Freshman Baseball (20-3)

Date	Team	Results
4/2/05	Clinton	10-7 and 13-3
4/4/05	Mahomet-Seymour	17-0
4/6/05	Central Catholic	9-6
4/9/05	East Peoria	9-5 and 11-7
4/11/05	Prairie Central	13-8
4/15/05	Lincoln	15-4
4/16/05	Morton	10-5 and 19-18
4/18/05	Champaign Centennial	11-7
4/25/05	Herscher	13-3
4/26/05	Normal West	2-15
4/28/05	Mahomet-Seymour	16-0
4/30/05	Rochester	8-15 and 12-2
5/2/05	Prairie Central	21-2
5/5/05	Normal Community	3-8
5/6/05	Metamora	15-3
5/13/05	Dee-Mack	7-4 and 21-5
5/16/05	Pontiac	9-3
5/18/05	Bloomington	6-5



First Row: Jason Gendron, Zach Zentner, Jeremy Caplinger, Sean Dozier, Eric Meier **Second Row:** Nick Hutchins, Dan Raube, Kevin Rotsch, Dave Bartosik, Alex Auer **Third Row:** David Payne, Derek Dauenaugh, E.J. Schiller, Eric McCullough, Andy McNeely **Fourth Row:** Coach Meyer, Coach Auer

Girls Varsity Soccer



Front Row: Sophie Somers, Sarah Wintersteen, Jesse Brown, Brittany Killborn, Katie Schumacher, Liz Phipps **Second Row:** Coach Fitzgerald Beka Clay, Andrea Davis, Heather Wickenhauser, Janelle Galloway, Erica Rohren, Coach Fritzen **Third Row:** Kelly Knap, Keely Scott, Erin Sage, Anna Doran

Date	Team	Results
3/29/05	Chatham-Glenwood	1-3
3/31/05	Normal Community	2-1
4/2/05	Normal West	0-6
4/2/05	Bloomington	5-0
4/5/05	Morton	2-2
4/7/05	Williamsville	3-1
4/11/05	Urbana	4-4
4/14/05	Peoria Notre Dame	0-3
4/19/05	Normal West	2-4
4/23/05	Champaign Central	3-1
4/25/05	Rochester	3-1
5/3/05	Mahomet	3-1
5/7/05	Champaign Centennial	6-0
5/12/05	St. Theresa	6-0
5/16/05	Regional vs. Beecher	3-1
5/19/05	Regional vs. Herscher	7-1
5/21/05	Sectional vs. Charleston	9-0
5/24/05	Sectional vs. Urbana	4-0
5/27/05	State vs. Rockford Boylan	1-0
5/28/05	State vs. Chatham-Glenwood	0-1
5/28/05	State vs. Bellville Altoff	0-3

Individual Accomplishments: Erica Rohren *Captain, MVP*; Beka Clay *Captain, Sportsmanship Award*;

Girls JV Soccer



Front Row: Kathryn Viviriro, Katie Payne, Stephanie Jankowski, Cecilia Montes deOca, Elizabeth Alden, Renee Demont. **Second Row:** Sarah Tyrrel, Kaity Johnson, Kate Dessa, Elizabeth Massey, Sheena Bhayana, Kelly Whalen. **Third Row:** Coach Fitzgerald, Lindsey Skaggs, Jordan Schumacher, **Emma Gault, Andi Peterson, Amy Knapp**

Date	Team	Results
3/29	Chattam Glenwood	Lost
3/31	Normal Communiiry	Lost
4/2	Normal West	Lost
4/2	Bloomington	Lost
4/5	Morton	Lost
4/7	Williamsville	Win
4/11	Urbana	Lost
4/14	Peoria Notre-Dame	Lost
4/19	Normal West	Lost
4/23	Champaign Central	Lost
4/25	Rochester	Lost
5/3	Mahomet	Win
5/7	Champaign Centennial	Win
5/12	St. Theresa	Win

Boys Track

Date	Team	Results
3/26/05	Cogdal Relays	No Scores
4/5/05	St. Joe/ Monticello	Won
4/12/05	Lincoln/Clinton/Olympia	Cancelled
4/19/05	Mahomet/St. Joe	2nd Place
4/22/05	Normal Relays	Cancelled
4/26/05	Intercity	3rd Place
4/30/05	Master Relays	Won
5/3/05	Olympia Relays	Won
5/5/05	F/S Conference	5th Place
5/6/05	Clinton Carnival	3rd Place
5/9/05	Conference	2nd Place
5/14/05	Mahomet Invite	7th Place
5/16/05	Normal JV Invite	No Scores
5/20/05	Sectional	Won
5/24/05	Pantagraph Honor Roll	No Scores
5/27/05	State	10th Place

Individual Accomplishments: Jordan Busse *State Qualifier, Most Outstanding Distance*; Michael Erdman *Leadership Award, Matt Martin Award*; Shane Guzman *State Qualifier, Outstanding Junior*; Sean Hastings *State Qualifier, Outstanding Freshman*; Nick Holtzman *Sportsmanship Award*; Jarrett Huff *Most Improve*; Josh Huff *State Qualifier*; Kyle Leduc *State Qualifier, Outstanding Sophomore*; Warren McCauley *State Qualifier, Most Outstanding Sprints*; Nnaemeka Nnamani *State Qualifier, Most Outstanding Field*; John Painter *Most Improved*; Lane Raney *State Qualifier, Outstanding Senior*; Phil Slama *State Qualifier*; Preston Smith *State Qualifier, Outstanding Sophomore*; Taiyo Wilson *Top Newcomer*



Front Row: Rustin Fakheri, Jamison Morrow, Shane Guzman, Derek Haas, Zachary Saajasto, Kyle Erickson, Nick Holtzman, Brandon Shauer **Second Row:** Warren McCauley, Kyle Steinbruek, Jordan Busse, Michael Erdman, Kevin Forde, Taiyo Wilson, Scott Blair, T.J. Davis **Third Row:** Delano Robinson, Kyle Leduc, Sean Hastings, Phil Slama, Lane Raney, Jarrett Huff, Joe Anhalt, J.J. Painter **Fourth Row:** Jason Mercer, Nnaemeka Nnamani, Justin Beyer, Maxmillian Chambers, Michael Gaston-Bell, Josh Huff, David Johnson, Preston Smith **Fifth Row:** Coach Hampton, Coach Scott, Coach Ware, Coach Karnia, Coach Hernan, Coach Dickerson

Girls Track

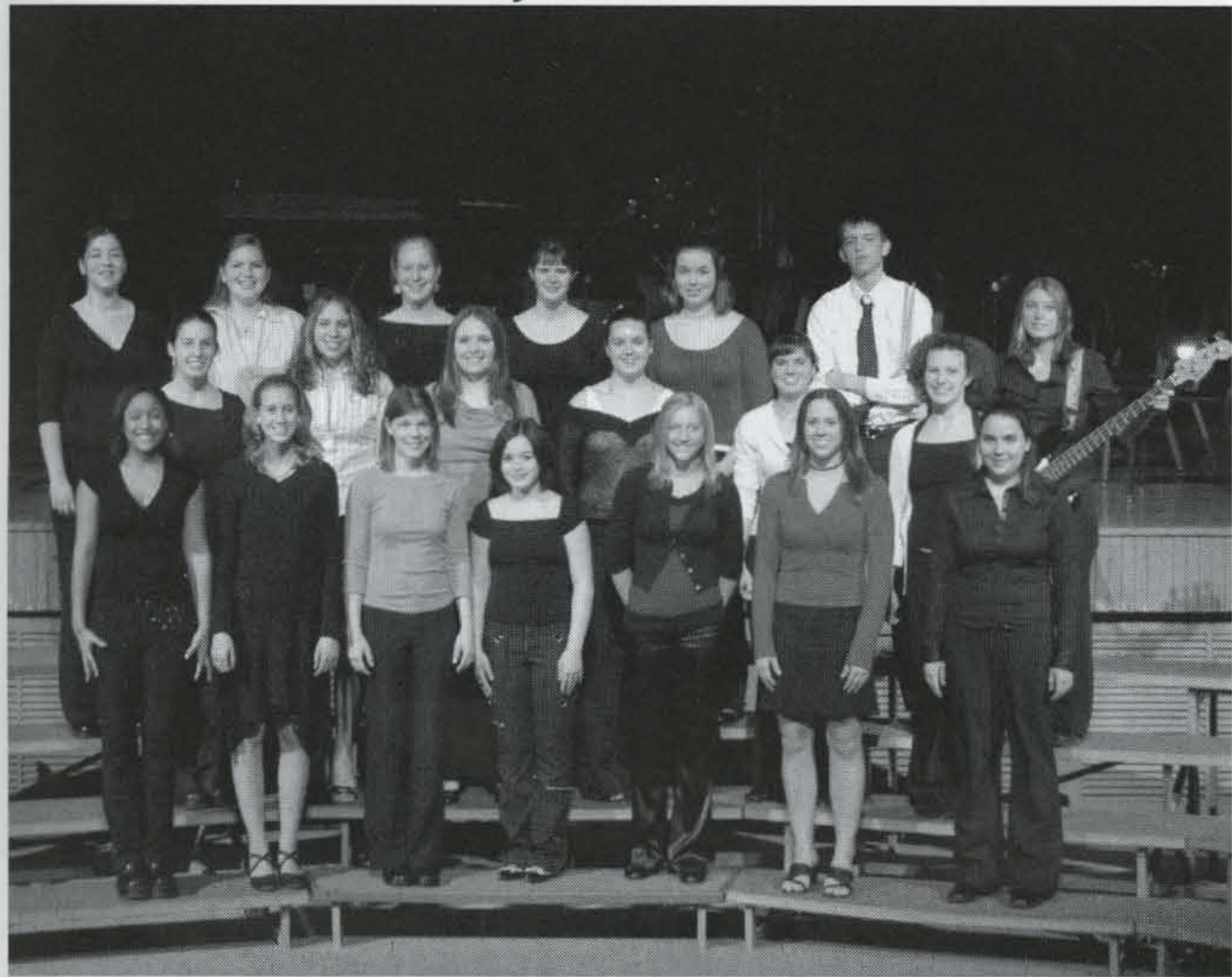
Date	Team	Results
3/4/05	West Indoor	6th Place
3/12/05	Charleston Inv.	2nd Place
3/26/05	Cogdal Relays	No Team Score
4/1/05	Jackie Joyner Kerser Relays	12th Place
4/12/05	Spartan Inv.	6th Place
4/15/05	Raider Inv.	4th Place
4/16/05	Midwest Prep	No Team Score
4/23/05	Bulldog Classic	No Team Score
4/25/05	Intercity	1st Place
5/3/05	Olympia Relays	1st Place
5/6/05	Irish Relays	1st Place
5/9/05	Conference	6th Place
5/13/05	Sectional	1st Place
5/20/05	State	1st Place
5/24/05	Pantagraph Honor Roll	No Team Score

Individual Accomplishments: Tonya Brown *State Qualifier*; Jessica Busse *State Qualifier*; Lindsay Clements *State Qualifier*; Stephanie Dilbeck *State Qualifier, MVP*; Paige Durchholz *State Qualifier*; Michelle Eack *State Qualifier*; Jenna Floyd *State Qualifier, Sportsmanship Award*; Chandra Golden *State Qualifier, MVP*; Daniesha Julious *State Qualifier, MVP*; Allyssa Kennel *State Qualifier*; Kelsey Kraft *State Qualifier*; Nicole Neal *State Qualifier, MVP*; Kate Tanura *State Qualifier MVP*



Front Row: D.J. Scharf, Allyssa Kennel, Kimberly Kelly, Jenna Floyd, Katie Erdman, Christine Bass, Katie McMahon, Lindsay Clements **Second Row:** Krystal Coleman, Kate Tannoura, Lauren Bailey, Chelsea Zeschke, Shelby Martin, Dorthy Olson, Kourtney Brooks, Joya Davis, Haley Stuckey **Third Row:** Chantaivia Knight, Lindsey Buterac, Lynn Smith, Kyn-dell Highland, Bridget McGwire, Michelle Eack, Jessica Glass **Fourth Row:** Tonya Brown, Kelsey Kraft, Stef Dilbeck, Daniesha Julious, Nicole Neal, Paige Durcholtz, Jessica Busse **Fifth Row:** Coach Ware, Coach Scott, Coach Karnia, Coach Hernan, Coach Dickerson, Coach Hampton

And All That Jazz



Front Row: Alyssa Hursey, Rachel Solava, Anne Stein, Angie Ostaszewski, Anna Doran, Ashton Hitchcock, Jenny Morrow **Second Row:** Katie Erdman, Lauren Januzik, Faith Elliot, Elizabeth Alden, Melissa Cook, Stephanie Donnan **Third Row:** Annie Downey, Sarah Rutledge, Emily Stevens, Kaitlyn Nibbelin, Tricia Downey, Quin Wilson (drums), Stevie Jankowski (bass)

Art Club



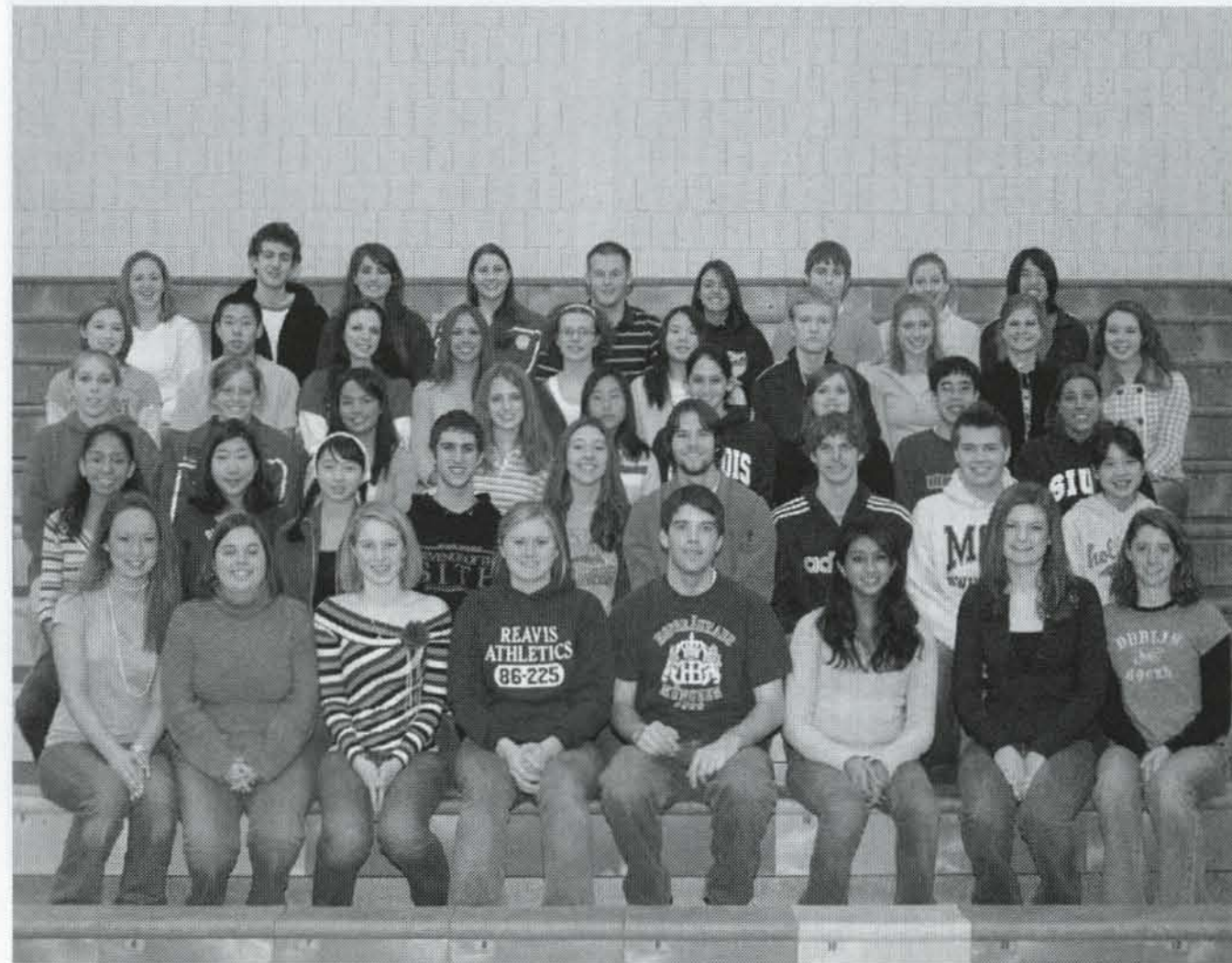
Front row: Alyssa Huff, Christine Reineke, Stephanie Mays, Erica Olson, Katie Schumacher **Second row:** J.J. Painter, Sarah Adelman, Kelsey Ellefson, Lindsay Bustle, Catherine Anhalt, Kate Dessa **Third row:** Kathleen Johnson, Patrick Larkin, Nick Manjarrez, Chadman James, Janelle Galloway

Brome and Beyond



First row: Alyssa Huff, Leah Pryor, Kelley Knapp, Jesse Brown, Emily Dougherty, Meredith Landau, Christine Reineke **Second row:** Erik Anderson, Lauren Schumacher, Laurel White, Paige Osburn, Sophie Mikals, Whitney Philipps, Robin Berryman

CAPTAINS



First row: Katie Sliney, Melissa Morrow, Sarah Hall, Megan Sage, Jordan VanLoon, Nandini Bhat, Abby Blair, Michelle Eack **Second row:** Jessica Diaz, Christine Liang, Mandie Le, Clayton Sutter, Brittany Caldwell, Adam Klaege, Phil Slama, Evan Savage, Cheryl Liang **Third row:** Kasey Probus, Lindsay Bertsche, Allie Jocson, Jessica Byerly, Hong Nan, Erica Olson, Amanda Dudgeon, Bradley Tran, Ashley Ropp **Fourth row:** Dorothy Olson, Jonathan Ken, Alayna Gallagher, Ashton Hitchcock, Stephanie Donnan, Sophie Wan, Tomek Stadnik, Jenna Floyd, Jessie Bower, Melissa Shanahan **Fifth row:** Katie Giesel, Sam Pridgeon, Jenna Dunbar, Laura Bullinger, Justin Allen, Chelsea Troll, Patrick Turner, Emily Caldwell, Jason Nguyen

Chess Team



First row: Weikang Sun, Zachary Saajasto, Scott Matthews, Eric Meier, Nathan Alden **Second row:** Tim Foote, Durga Giridharan, Matt May, Michael Botsch, Mrutunjaya Mishra

Clarion



First row: Chelcei Fischer, Catherine Anhalt, Allie Jocson, Sarah Hall **Second row:** Keven O'Malley, Lindsay Bertsche, Megan Sage, Alyssa Solava, Rachel Solava **Third row:** Melissa Shanahan, Alyssa Potter, Laura Bullinger, Kelsey Ellefson **Fourth row:** Laurel White, Jennifer Fernandes, Dan Kaufman, Drew Daudelin

Chorus I



First Row: Haley Stuckey, Angie Ostaszewski, Janelle Weddle, Rebekah Vaughan, Joya Davis, Danica Taylor, Cecilia Montes De Oca **Second Row:** Lauren Brooks, Kat Scheck, Caroline Lartz, Krystal Montes De Oca, Mike Brooks, William Cullen, Jason Choi, Aldan Shinault, Nathan Alden, Jordan Karl, Jeremy Davis, Liz Massey, Renee Demont, Sheena Bhayana, Christina Parlette, Fatima Kazmi **Third Row:** Rachel Solava, Christine Bass, Katie Erdman, Claire Wazienski, Deniz Kara, Daniel Vazquez, Ben Hall, Wes Bierma, Shawn Cardinal, Austin Popham, Alex Kraft, Heather Celis, Claire Taulbee, Alex Wright-Butts, Nina Chiodo **Fourth Row:** Maria Endsley, Amy Stites, Kristi Stalter, Anna Doran, Mika Tanaka, Jordi Schumacher, Molly Brown, Matt Skibo, Nathan Wonnell, Brandon Shaver, T.J. Dougherty, John Cooper, Adam Larson, Alyssa Humphreys, Lindsey Turner, Leigh Whitman, Myleka Thomas, Carrie Thoennes **Fifth Row:** Kaitlyn Nibbelin, Annie Downey, Amanda Rehtmeyer, Rachel Vazquez, Frances Ndorongo, Emily Stevens, Hannah Lebovitz, Adam Galt, Quinn Wilson, Max Chambers, Neesh Shah, Tom Donnan, Seth Davis, Christine Jolly, Lauren Leffler, Liz Harbers, Kyndell Highland, Dorothy Olson

Connections



First row: Melissa Shanahan, Jessie Bower, Samantha Vazquez, Matt Miller, Lauren Farraher, Stephanie Mays, Mrs. Lewis **Second row:** Megan Sage, Jessica Byerly, Mandie Le, Aaron Klawitter, Chelsea Smith, Brandon Gibbs, Kelsey Ellefson **Third row:** Elizabeth Alfrn, Bradley Tran, Nick Manjarrez, Tomek Stadnik, Stephanie Donnan, Hilary Baboukis, Ashley McElroy

Court Singers



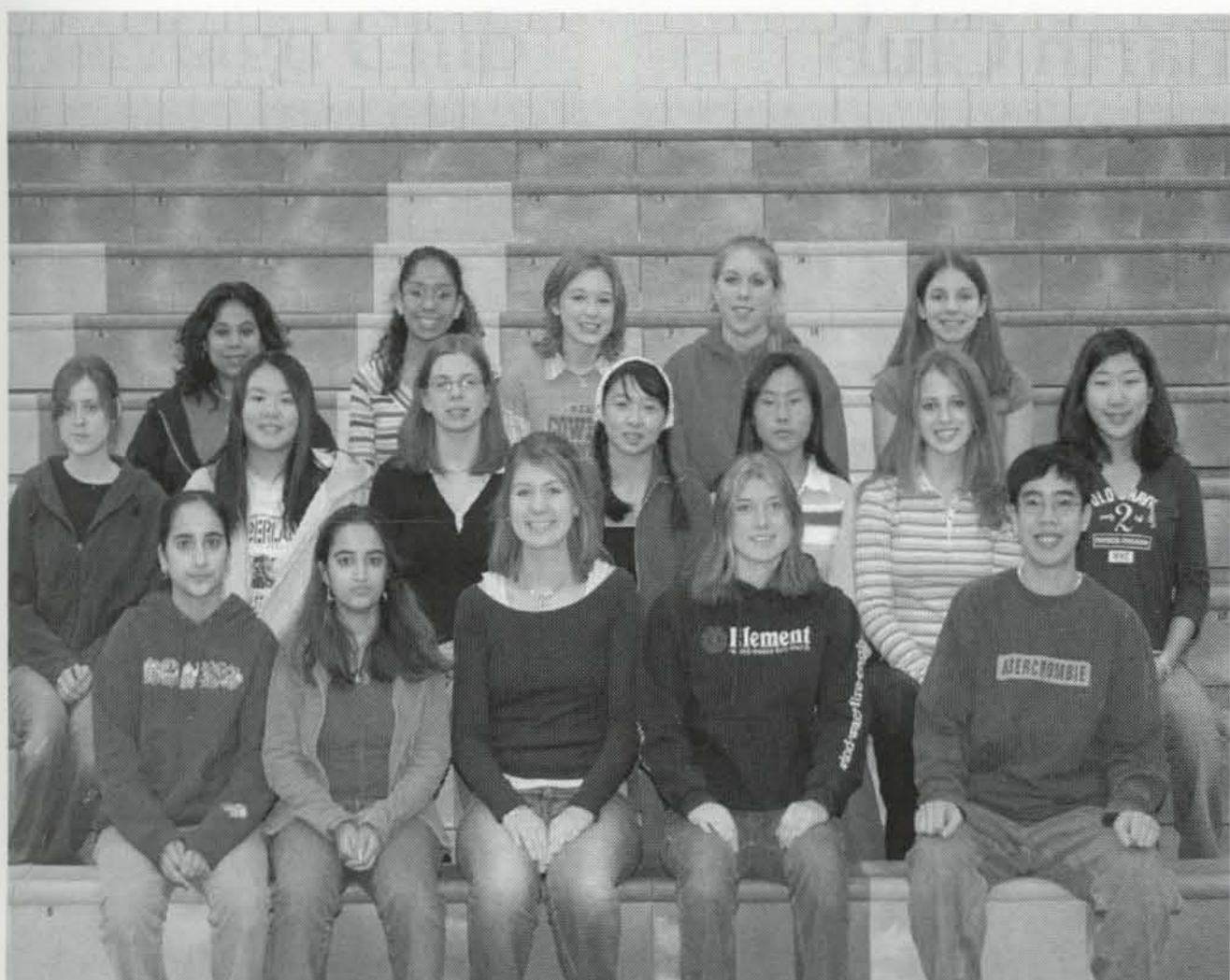
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Creative Writing Club



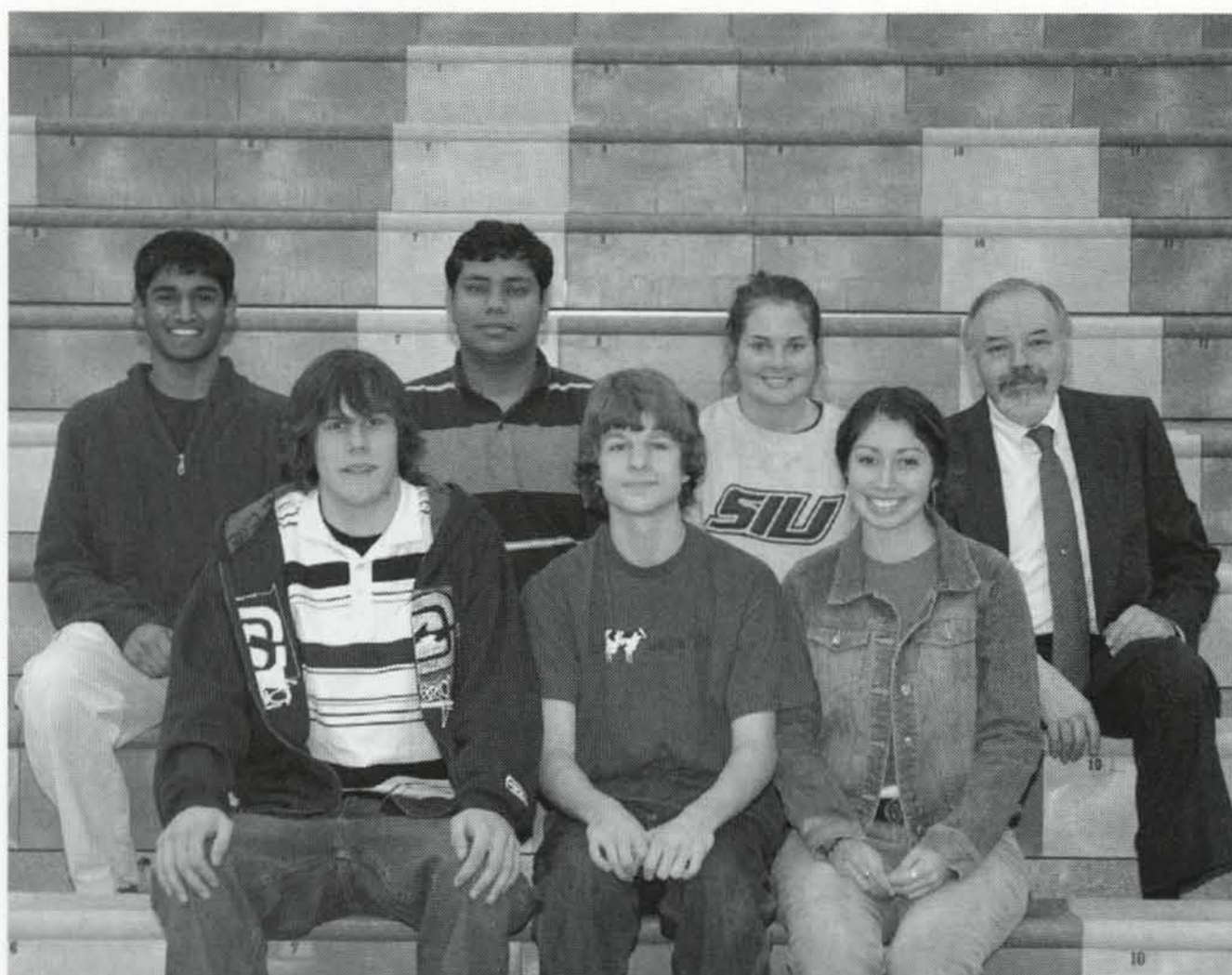
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Culture Club



First row: Fatima Kazmi, Fareka Kazmi, Jessica Glass, Stevie Jankowski, Bradley Tran **Second row:** Kerry Stewert, Sophie Wan, Sarah Morris, Mandie Le, Hong Nan, Jessica Byerly, Christine Liang **Third row:** Krystal Montes de Oca, Jessica Diaz, Dorothy Olson, Kasey Probus, Karin Nalefski

Debate Team



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Earth Club



First row: Jessica Diaz, Jessica Glass, Jessie Bower, Samantha Vazquez **Second row:** Amy Pacilio, Sophie Mikals, Addi Elble, Jessica Byerly **Third row:** Mrs. Lewis

E.L.F Club



First row: Sheena Bhayana, Rachel Vazquez, Jenny Morrow, Emily Dougherty, Stephanie Donnan, Melissa Morrow, Flynn Doran, Sophie Wan, Gena Covert **Second row:** Alyssa Hursey, Carrie Thoennes, Tricia Downey, Jessi Nguyen, Clayton Sutter, Amy Pacilio, Anne Stein, Alana Lambert, Cassie Hanson **Third row:** Christine Liang, Marielle Zaldarriaga, Hong Nan, Mandie Le, Alex Preller, Annie Downey, Lauren Brooks, Krystal Montes De Oca, Meredith Skaggs **Fourth row:** Sarah Ferry, Heather Celis, Elizabeth Alden, Jessica Byerly, Samantha Vazquez, Quentin Hursey, Jessica Glass, Kerry Stewert

FCA



First row: Sara Idleman, Erica Rohren, Clair Smid, Liz Harbers, Katie Giesel **Second row:** Meredith Skaggs, CJ Johnson, Mike Erdman, Brandon Gibbs **Third row:** Lindsay Bertsche, Rebekah Clay, Collin Philipps, Jason Nguyen

Heritage Club



First row: Myleka Thomas, Fatima Kazmi, Alexandria Wright- Butts, Alyssa Hursey, Jason Michaels, Nick Grieco **Second row:** Daniesha Julious, Sidnee Scott, Delano Robinson, Josh Huff, Shane Guzman, Kerby Henderson **Third row:** Maximillian Chambers, Michael Gaston- Bell, Sherman Lee, Warren McCauley, Preston Smith, Marlee Cooper, Sarah Charles **Fourth row:** Chelsea Smith, Ashley McElroy, Fareka Kazmi, Chante Forde, Arpitha Gouda, Brandon Gibbs, Salma Hatia

History Club



First row: Melissa Morrow, Flynn Doran, Stephanie Donnan, Mathew Lehnese, Jenny Morrow **Second row:** Christine Reineke, Liesl Pereira, Sophie Wan, Jessica Glass, Hong Nan, Jessica Byerly **Third row:** Alyssa Huff, Chris Ashley, Krystal Montes De Oca, Tim Nash, Jake Gendron, Bobby Porter **Fourth row:** Patrick Larkin, Johnathan Ken, Tomek Stadnik, Rachel Vazquez

Jazz Gold



First Row: Adam Larson, Alex Weilbacher, Patrick Turner, Stephane Donnan **Second Row:** Meghan Rhoades, Flynn Doran, Abby Hoekstra, Brent Anthony **Third Row:** Kyle Erickson, Steven Leszczynski, Jason Nguyen, Alex Preller **Fourth Row:** Lane Miller, Jared Park, Alex Rodriguez, Samantha Vazquez, Eddy Colloton, Chris Modos-
Not Pictured: Josh Heimerdinger, Meredith Skaggs, Melissa Morrow

Jazz Green



First Row: Karin Nalefski, Jessi Nguyen, Rachel Vazquez, Kyle Yarbrough, Paige Durcholz, Vinny Melchiorri **Second Row:** Tom Donnan, Nick Hutchins **Third Row:** Tim Nash, Tony Melchiorri, Michael Fritz, Jamison Morrow, **Fourth Row:** Justine Harris, Jenny Morrow, Quin Wilson, Stevie Jankowski, **Not Pictured:** Daniel Eggena, Sara Idleman, Weikang Sun, Rob Nash

Jazzin' In the Evenin'



Front Row: Alaska André, Jeremy Davis, Kiri Palm, Adam Larson, Sarah Ferry, Quentin Hursey **Second Row:** Justine Harris, Lane Miller, Alayna Gallagher, Neesh Shah, Hillary Baboukis, Justin Tanaka, Stephanie Sidak, Patrick Turner **Third Row:** Alex Preller, Lindsey Skaggs, Matt Skibo, Molly Brown, Quinn Wilson (drums), Stevie Jankowski (bass)

Key Club



First row: Hillary Giesel, Sarah Capodice, Rachel Solava, Alex Thoennes, Chris Ashley, David Payne, Haley Harroun, Desi Carroll, Megan Schini, Sara Idleman, Jason Nguyen, Justin Allen **Second row:** Jennifer Fernandes, Alayna Gallagher, Ashton Hitchcock, Jessica Glass, Addi Elble, Abby Blair, Jessie Bower, Kayla Comerford, Krystal Montes De Oca, Anne Stein, Cassie Hanson, Brittany Caldwell, Nandini Bhat **Third row:** Shenna Bhayana, Kerry Stewert, Sophie Wan, Nathan Alden, Traye Nevius, Jessica Byerly, Mandie Le, Michelle Each, Elizabeth Harbers, Katie Giesel, Jason Choi, Dan Kaufman **Fourth row:** Caroline Lartz, Laurel Benson, Kathleen Johnson, Sarah Tofanelli, Liz Morrow, Bradley Tran, Alyssa Huff, Clayton Sutter, Alyssa Solava, Ashley Ropp, Justin Smith, Erica Olson, Kelsey Swango **Fifth row:** Fareka Kazmi, Stephanie Mays, Tyler Brown, Katie Sliney, Robin Berryman, Emma Galt, Katie Riordan, Bryan Benson, Sam Pridgeon, Kevin Bailey, Melissa Shanahan **Sixth row:** Kelsey Ellefson, Katie Erdman, Maria Endsley, Arpitha Gouda, Hong Nan, Amanda Roberts, Jacob Bobbitt, Sarah Tyrrel, Brandon Gibs, CJ Johnson **Seventh row:** Elizabeth Alden, Alyssa Potter, Jessica Diaz, Aya Wilson, Sarah Hall, Tomek Stadnik, Bobby Porter, Jonathan Ken, Jordan VanLoon, Lindsay Bustle, Laura Bullinger, Jake Gendron

Locks of Love



First row: Anna Schilawski, Natalie Davis, Hayley Carpenter, Laura Prault, Melissa Basolo, Megan Schini, Erica Rohren, Kelsey Ellefson **Second row:** Renee Demont, Tom Alldridge, Sara Garriott, Amy Pacilio, Stephanie Mays, Lauren Farragher, Abby Meismer, Meaghan Schiller **Third row:** Mrs. Hubbard, Caitlin Lartz, Alese Furnald, Desi Carroll, Liz Harbers, Marlee Cooper, Sarah Charles, Courtney Alt **Fourth row:** Caitlin Demont, Jessica Smith, Clare Sexton, Leah Pryor, Kelley Knapp, Emily Dougherty

Madrigals



First Row: Fred Geyer, Kiri Palm **Second Row:** Dana Harrell, Patrick Turner **Third Row:** Leah Prior, Megan Sage, Evan Savage, Keely Scott, Jesse Brown, Aya Wilson, Whitney Phillips **Fourth Row:** Justin Tanaka, Trevor Somers, Alex Preller, Lane Miller

Madrigal Brass



First Row: Meredith Skaggs, Tim Nash, Flynn Doran, Drew Daudelin **Second Row:** Ryan Davis, Kyle Erickson, Tony Melchiorri, Steven Leszcynski, Jason Nguyen, Sara Idleman

Madrigal Recorders



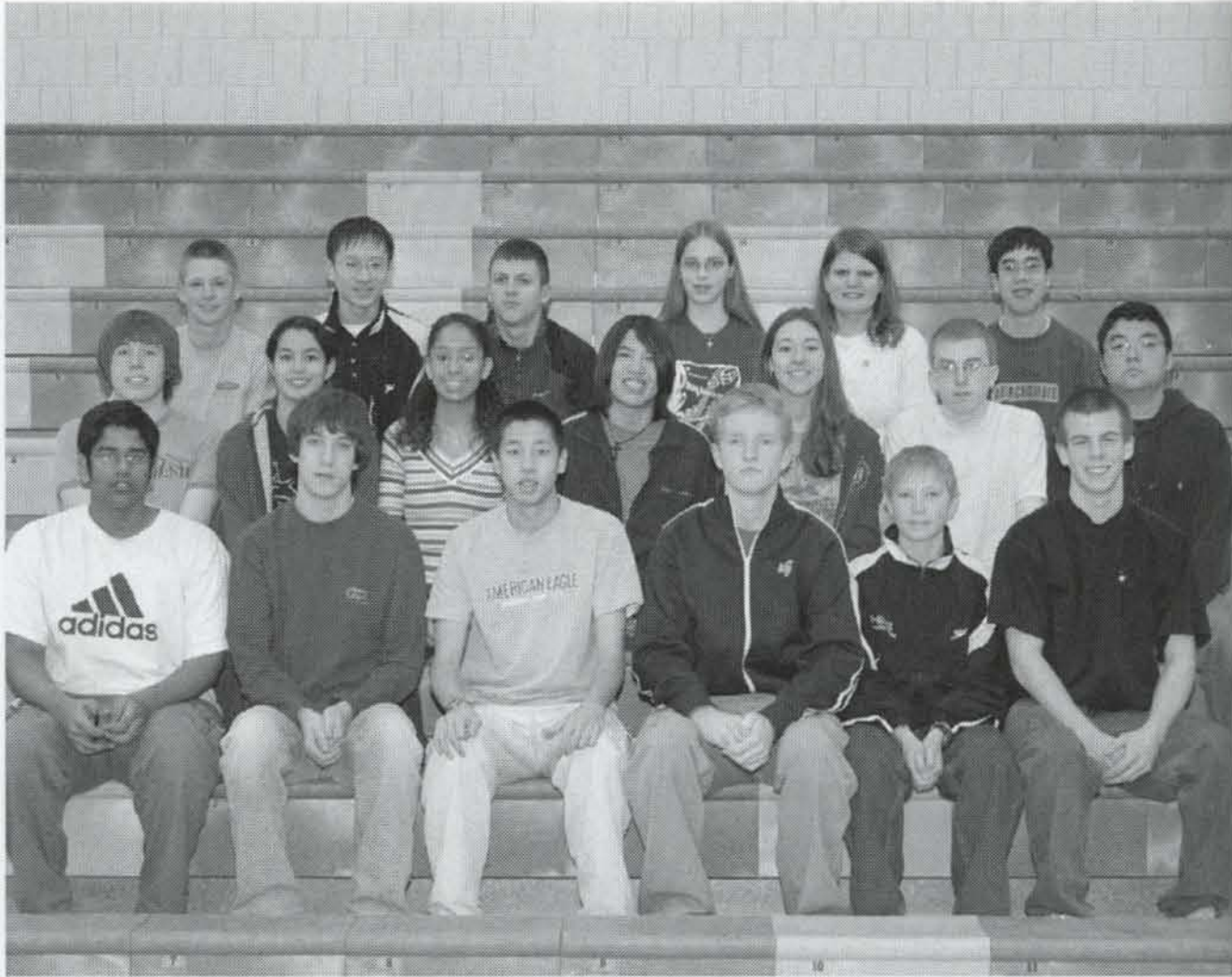
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Madrigal Strings/Ensemble



First Row: Kayla Comerford, Flynn Doran, Monica Kao **Second Row:** Jessica Diaz, Weikang Sun, Steven Gillies, Stevie Jankowski

Math Team



First row: Gaurav Vempati, Dan Campbell, Jonathan Ken, Tomek Stadnik, Zachary Saajasto, Ben Luehrs **Second row:** Collin Philipps, Aya Wilson, Jessica Diaz, Jason Nguyen, Brittany Caldwell, Tim Foote, Jason Choi **Third row:** Eric Meier, Weikang Sun, Anthony Duran, Hilary Baboukis, Kate Shepherd, Bradley Train

Mu Alpha Theta



First row: Matt Reoch, Jonathan Ken, Dan Campbell, Tomek Stadnik **Second row:** Gaurav Vempati, Collin Philipps

National Forensics Club



First row: Brent Anthony, Anne Stein, Jason Rehtmeyer, Tony Melchiorri, Samantha Vazquez, Nandini Bhat **Second row:** Clayton Sutter, Durga Giridharan, Mrutunjaya Mishra, Alese Furnal **Third row:** Sarah Berg, Laurel White, Alex Preller, Jessica Byerly, Amy Pacilio, Jesse Brown

National Honor Society



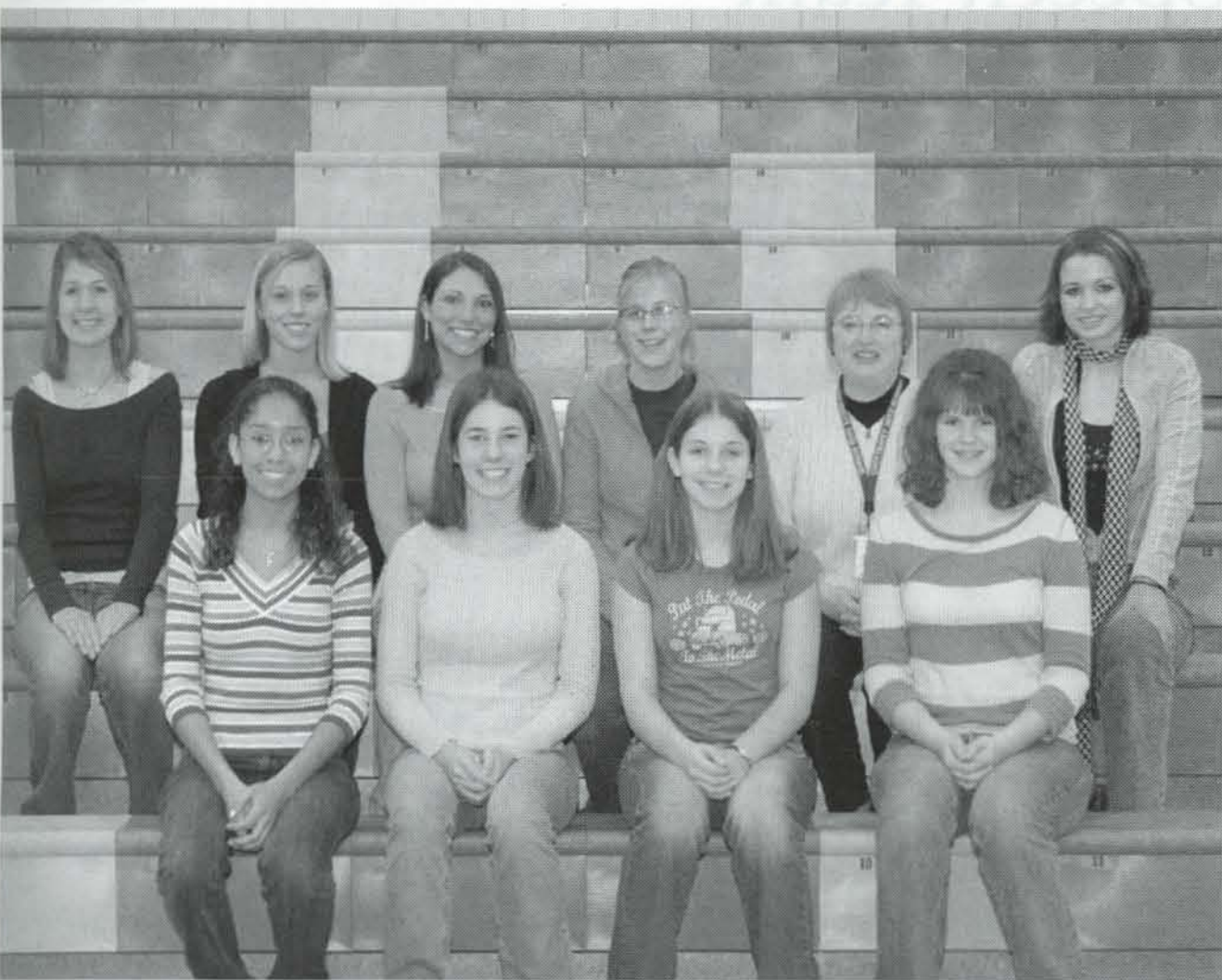
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Pep Band



First row: Hong Nan, Alyssa Hursey, Sarah Ferry, Alaska Andre, Justine Harris, Stephanie Sidak, Stephanie Jiles, Lauren Brooks **Second row:** Xixi Tian, Jenny Morrow, Jessi Nguyen, Quentin Hursey, Rachel Vazquez, Maddy Hayden, Sarah Morris, Kyle Yarbrough, Vinny Melchiorri **Third row:** Flynn Doran, Alex Weilbacher, Sophie Wan, Melissa Morrow, Daniel Eggena, Stephanie Donnan, Jason Nguyen, Meredith Skaggs, Sara Idleman **Fourth row:** Alex Preller, Alan Wilkinson, Chris Modos, Jared Park, Nick Hutchins, Scott Blair, Dan Grieco, Annie Downey, Abby Hoekstra **Fifth row:** Karin Nalefski, Katie Giesel, Heather Celis, Tim Nash, evin Forde, Taiyo Wilson, Meghan Rhoades, Hanna Lebovitz, Drew Daudelin **Sixth row:** Steven Leszczynski, Eddy Colloton, Brent Anthony, Tony Melchiorri, Mandie Le, Alyson Brucker

R.E.A.D Club



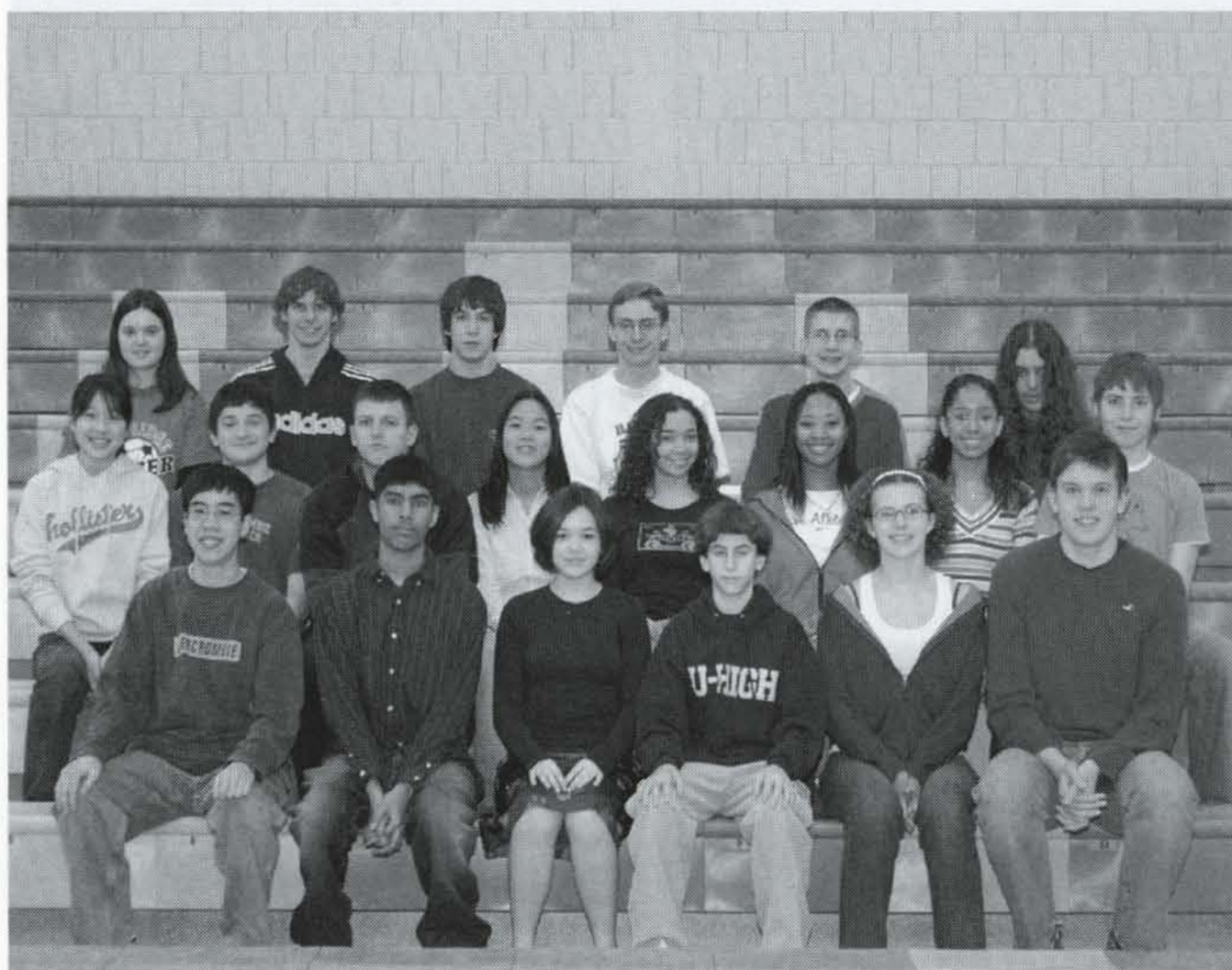
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Research Club



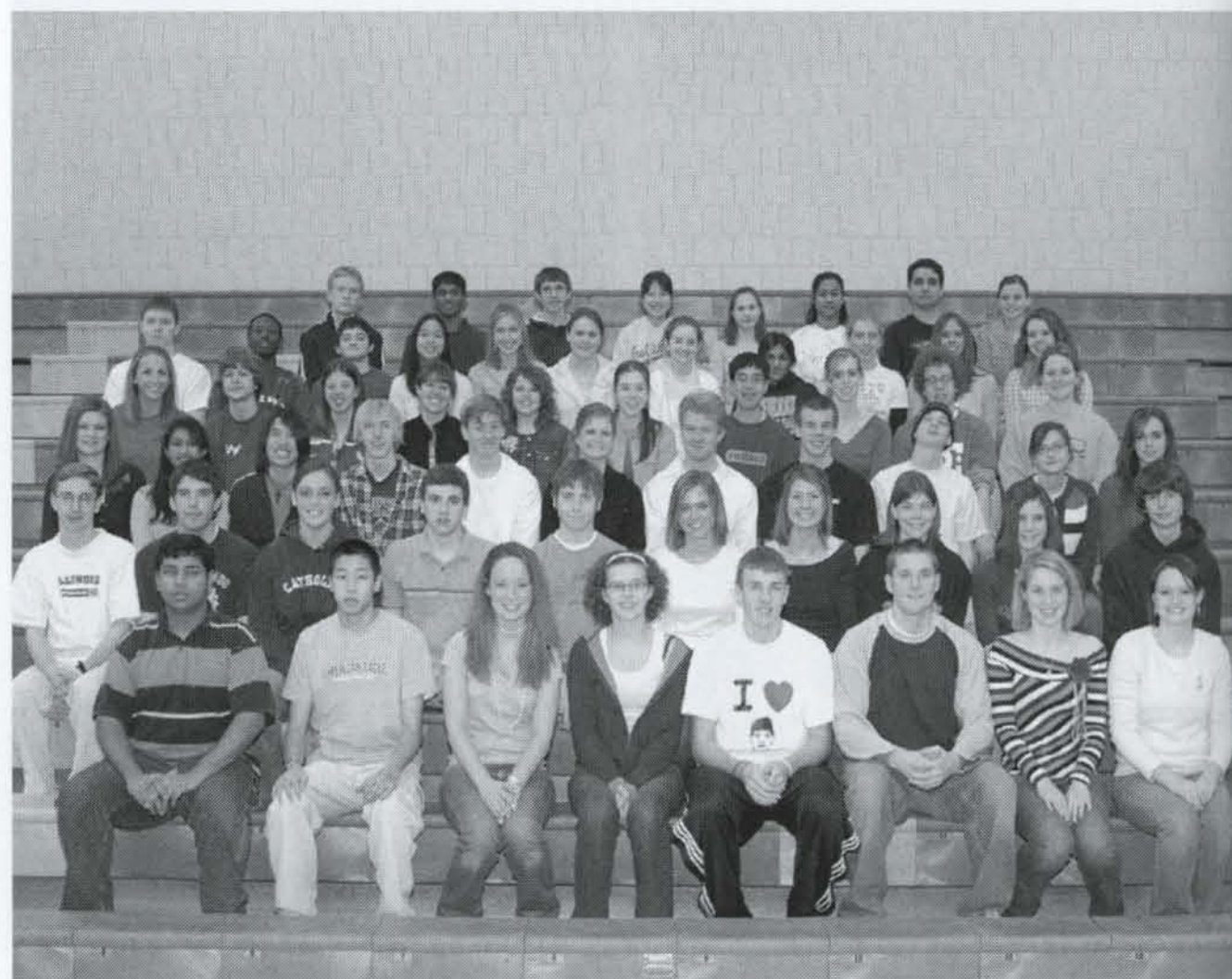
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Scholastic Bowl



First row: Bradley Tran, Neesh Shah, Angie Ostaszewski, Tim Nash, Stephanie Donnan, Bryan Benson **Second row:** Cheryl Liang, Dan Grieco, Anthony Daran, Monica Kaio, Chelsea Smith, Ashley McElroy, Jessica Diaz, Patrick Turner **Third row:** Elizabeth Alden, Phil Slama, Dan Campbell, Bobby Porter, Steven Leszcynski, Jamal Smith

Senate



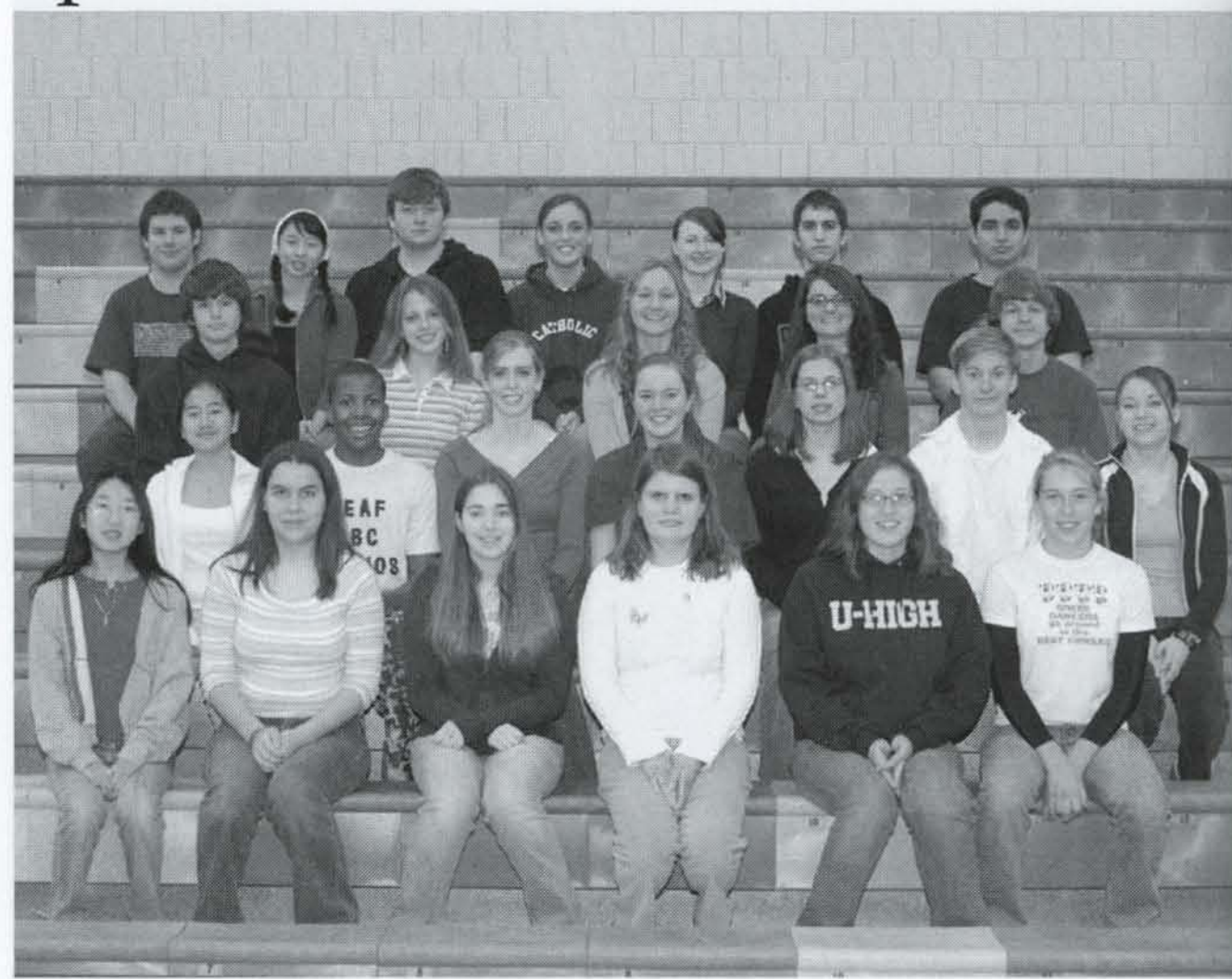
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Sign Language Club



First row: Mrs. Makiney, Jessica Diaz, Elizabeth Morrocel, Aya Wilson, Ms. Morrow **Second row:** Michael O'Dell, Sarah Adelman, Collin Philipps, Alyssa Potter, Brittany Weingart, Jamison Morrow **Third row:** Jake Rutledge, Brandon Gibbs, Elizabeth Alden, Ana Jacob, Amanda Dudgeon, Heather Banes

Speech Team



First row: Xixi Tian, Jenny Morrow, Hayley Harroun, Kate Shepherd, Megan Schini, Sara Idleman **Second row:** Jessi Nguyen, Jeremy Davis, Desi Carroll, Becky Smith, Sarah Morris, Will Irvin, Alex Weilbacher **Third row:** Vinny Melchiorri, Jessica Byerly, Sarah Berg, Laurel White, Tony Melchiorri **Fourth row:** Alex Kraft, Patrick Larkin, Amy Pacilio, Alyssa Huff, Clayton Sutter, Rustin Fakheri

Thespians



First row: Toma Pitskaleva, Sarah Ferry, John Cooper, Matt Skibo, Megann Schini, Jessica Bogue, Katherine Scheck, Jessi Nguyen, Haley Stuckey **Second row:** Katie Karl, Laura King, Hilary Baboukis, Jessie Bower, Fred Geyer, Melissa Basolo, Will Irvin, Reid Sancker, Nandini Bhat **Third row:** Alex Preller, Alan Wilkinson, Brian Geisler, Mandie Le, Jessica Byerly, Amy Pacilio, Jesse Brown, Megan Sage, Whitney Philipps **Fourth row:** Kiri Palm, Alex Kraft, Emily Dougherty, Sophie Mikals, Leah Pryor, Alyssa Huff, Clayton Sutter, Kaitlyn Nibbelin **Row 5:** Quentin Hursey, Paige Osburn, Liesl Peneira, Lauren Schumacher, Erik Anderson, Rustin Fakhari, Laurel White

TSA



First row: Ben Stone, Kevin Kamble, Matt Miller, Dan Campbell, Adam Klaege **Second row:** Chris Crider, Aaron Gross, Matt Schweers, Alex Trickett, Jordan Van-Loon **Third row:** Nick Manjarrez, Collin Philipps, Tom Donnan, Brandon Hahn, Dan Kaufman, Jake Corley, Jacob Bobbitt **Fourth row:** Mr. Dearing, Brandon Gibbs, Ryan Johnson, Matt Beach, Bobby Porter

Treble Choir



First Row: Jessi Nguyen, Megan Schini, Betsy Sur, Alyssa Hursey, Ana Jacob, Elizabeth Alden, Jenny Morrow, Katie Shepherd **Second Row:** Caitlin Lartz, Nandini Bhat, Faith Elliot, Melissa Basolo, Jessica Bogue, Robyn Berryman, Stephanie Mays, Lauren Farragher, Abby Blair, Rachel Olson **Third Row:** Tiffany Jollif, Alyssa Potter, Jenifer Witte, Alyssa Scritchlow, Caitlin Demont, Sarah Adelman, Haley Carpenter, Jess Smith, Jessica Busse

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Concert Band

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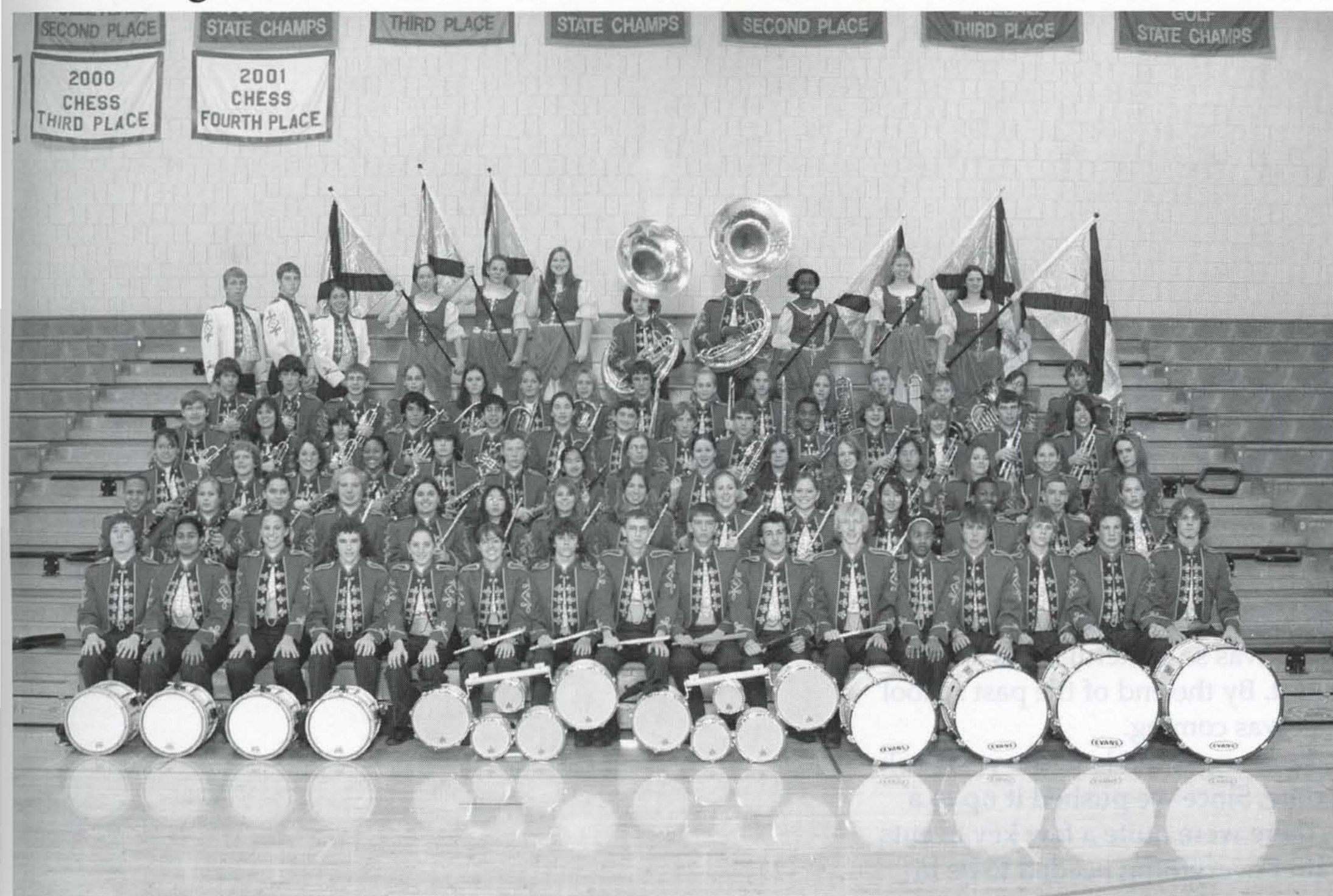


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Marching Band



First row: Collin Philipps, Leisl Pereira, Shelby Martin, Dan Kaufman, Alana Lambert, Justine Harris, Jared Park, Alan Wilkinson, Vajir Wilson, Chris Modos, Brent Anthony, Hope Evans, Eddy Col-loton, Cole Griswold, Scott Blair, Bradley Slama **Second row:** Quentin Hursey, Sarah Ferry, Jenny Morrow, Stephanie Jiles, Melissa Morrow, Xixi Tian, Step-hanie Sidak, Lauren Januzik, Katie Giesel, Heather Celis, Mandie Le, Jeremy Davis, Scott Matthews, Maddy Hayden **Third row:** Rachel Vazquez, Kyle Yarbrough, Sarah Wintersteen, Alyssa Hursey, Vinny Melchiorri, Adam Larson, Jessi Nguyen, Sarah Morris, Alaska Andrew, Alyson Brucker, Jessica Byerly, Hong Nan, Alex Weilbacher, Karin Nalefski, Paige Durchholz **Fourth row:** Alex Preller, Melissa Cook, Tim Nash, Taiyo Wilson, Bradley Tran, Annie Downey, Dan Grieco, Craig Hiskins, Daniel Eggena, Kevin Forde, Tony Melchiorri, Drew Daudelin, Kyle Erickson, Jason Nguyen **Fifth row:** Michael Fritz, Nick Hutchins, Steven Leszczynski, Hilary Baboukis, Elizabeth Alden, Sarah Cochran, Sarah Idleman, Bryant Carlson, Flynn Doran, Abby Hoekstra, Meghan Rhoades, Tom Donnan, Zachary Saajasto, Meredith Skaggs, Josh Heimerdinger **Sixth row:** Matthew Lehner, Patrick Turner, Saman-tha Vazquez, Stephanie Donnan, Ryan Davis **Seventh row:** Sarah Tyrrel, Alyssa Humphreys, Sarah Rutledge, Joya Davis, Hanna Lebovitz, Katherine Scheck

Orchestra



First Row: Haley Stuckey, Erik Anderson, Megan Ball, Caitlin Trudy, Flynn Doran, Myleka Thomas, Janelle Gal-loway, Heather Wickenhauser, Stevie Jankowski **Second Row:** Michael Brooks, Lindsey Skaggs, Molly Brown, Addison Elble, Kayla Comerford, Arpitha Gowda, Danielle Fox, Monica Kao, Julia Parsons, Kortney Brooks **Thrid Row:** Alex Poole, Anthony Duran, Weikang Sun, Madhuri Paravastu, Elizabeth Morrow, Steven Gillies, Aya Wilson, Becky Smith

Colophon

By Chelcei Fischer

The 2005 yearbook went through tremendous changes and I was so grateful I was able to be a major part of it. By the end of the past school year, I knew what was coming.

One of the changes made to the yearbook was the release date. Since we pushed it up to a spring delivery, there were quite a few key events that happened after everything needed to be in print.

That is where I came into play. I spent the whole year learning everything I could from Allie Jocson, Sarah Hall, and Catherine Anhalt. I knew that once they were done the rest was up to me.

When I first started working at the beginning of the summer, I knew I had countless hours of work ahead of me. On top of having the pressure of completing the supplement by camp time, I had the stress of dealing with the folks at parking services and \$45 in parking fines for parking in my school parking lot. It just goes to prove that once again parking services comes out on top.

Thank goodness I didn't have to do this all alone. Cortney Brewer gave up her summer and some of her sanity to deal with Mr. Conant and I to help put this together.

There were some pretty rough spots in getting this done, and we are pretty happy with the results. We hope you are, too.

To publish the 2005 Spring Supplement, we used Adobe InDesign. Minion and Times New Roman were our fonts. All index pictures were taken by Photography by Kent.

